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 For the SESSIONS of
PARLIAMENT .

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At *Westminster* the 21. day of *October*, 1678.
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 next following, being then *Prorogued*.

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THE
PREFACE
TO THE
READER.

THe Popish Conspiracy being one of the most eminent circumstances of the History of this Age, of which so many particulars in the Narratives, Examinations, Tryals, and other Pieces having been and are dayly scattered about; It is thought it will not be amiss to present to the world this perfect Journal of the House of Commons, wherein is contained the first discovery of that Plot by His Sacred Majesty to his Parliament, with all the proceedings thereupon; together with many other weighty transactions, without the knowledge of which, the whole Contrivance can never be so fully understood, nor can any thing be derived from better Authority than what shall appear to have passed the Test of so Solemne an Assembly: Besides which there are many other most remarkable passages worthy our curiosity and knowledge, and very instructive both as to what has past, and towards what is to come; none of which should have been thus exposed (though this juncture of time gives so great a liberty to the Press) had not this very thing

THE PREFACE.

thing been handed about in Manuscripts to the great charge, as well as the great abuse of inquisitive Gentlemen, by imperfect Copiers; for what that Honorable House thinks fit to be lock'd up in their Archives, ought not to be exposed without their leave; but when any such secrets; are stolen abroad, it can be thought no ways unbecoming to make them speak the truth, and correct the mistakes that are incident to a hasty pen; so that here you shall find onely such Lapses as are inseperable to the Press, all the rest is the naked matter of Fact, without any alteration or reflections, which makes it so Genuine and considerable, that notwithstanding the depraved appetites of this generation do rather desire the the Unwholesome and Malitious trash, which is daily vended, yet the Judicious palates, will find more Gusto and satisfaction in this sober Peice. God preserve the King and all his Loyal Subjects, especially in his two Houses of Parliament.

THE
JOURNAL
OF THE
House of COMMONS.

Lunæ 21^o die Octobris, 1678.

A Message from the King by Sir *Edward Carteret*,
Ulster of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

*The King commands this Honourable House to attend him
immediately in the House of Peers.*

And accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went
up to attend his Majesty.

And Mr. Speaker, with the House, returning, Mr.
Speaker reports,

That he had attended his Majesty, and that the
noise being very great, and his Majesty making use of
his Paper; to the end he might not misrepeat him, he
had procured a Copy thereof, which he read to the
House, and is as follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I *Have thought the time very long since we
parted last, and would not have deferred*

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Your Meeting by so many Prorogations, if I could well have met You sooner.

The part which I have had this Summer in the preservation of Our Neighbours, and the well-securing what was left of Flanders, is sufficiently known, and acknowledged by all that are abroad.

And though for this cause I have been obliged to keep up my Troops, without which our Neighbours had absolutely despaired, yet both the Honour and Interest of the Nation have been so far improved by it, that I am confident no man here would repine at it, or think the Money raised for their disbanding to have been ill employed in their continuance; and I do assure you, I am so much more out of Purse for that Service, that I expect you should supply it. How far it may be necessary (considering the present State of Christendom) to reduce the Land and Sea-Forces, or to what degree, is worthy of all Our serious Considerations.

I now intend to acquaint You (as I shall always do with any thing that concerns Me) That I have been informed of a Designe against my Person by the Jesuits, of which I shall forbear any opinion, lest I may seem to say too much or too little; but I will leave the matter to the Law, and in the mean time will take as much care as I can to prevent all manner of Practices by that sort of men, and of others too, who have been tampering in a high degree by Forreigners,
and

and contriving how to introduce Popery amongst us.

I shall conclude with recommending to You my other Concerns.

I have been under great Disappointments by the Defect of the Poll-bill.

My Revenue is under great Anticipations, and at best, was never equal to the constant and necessary Expence of the Government, whereof I intend to have the whole State laid before You, and require You to look into it, and consider of it with that Duty and Affection which I am sure I shall ever finde from You.

The rest I leave to the Lord Chancellor.

A Bill touching reverfing Utlaries in the Kings-bench, was read the first time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered,

That the Grand Committee for Religion do sit every Munday in the afternoon in the House.

Ordered,

That the Grand Committee for Grievances do sit every Wednesday in the afternoon in the House.

Ordered,

That the Grand Committee for Trade do sit every Friday in the House.

Ordered,

That the Grand Committee for Courts of Justice do sit every Saturday in the afternoon in the House.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Priviledges and Elections be appointed of these Persons following.

Sir Thomas Meers,	Sir An. Irby,
Sir William Lowther,	Mr. Spry,
Lord Cavendish,	Sir Geo. Downing,
Sir John Trevour,	Sir Jo. Nicholas,
Sir Jo. Heath,	Sir Fran. Compton,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Bertie,
Sir Rob. Dillington,	Sir Jo. Birkenhead,
Sir Adam Browne,	Mr. Guy,
Sir Gilb. Talbott,	Mr. Draper,
Mr. Secretary Coventree,	Mr. Greenville,
Sir Tho. Littleton,	Mr. Williams,
Sir Rob. Thomas,	Mr. Zacheverill,
Sir William Terringham,	Mr. Paston,
Sir Samuel Bernardiston,	Sir Nich. Carew,
Mr. Jo. Wright,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. King,	Mr. Clerke,
Col. Kirkby,	Mr. Papillon,
Mr. Price,	Sir Jo. Barnaby,
Mr. Wentworth,	Sir Ralph Cole,
Sir Dennis Ashburnham,	Sir Jo. Rolls,
Sir Tho. Stringer,	Col. Norton,
Sir Job. Talbott,	Sir Christopher Musgrave,
Sir. Rob. Sawyer,	Sir Jonath. Trelawney,
Sir Jo. Woerden,	Sir Tho. Lee,
Lord Ancram,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Finch,	Mr. Rob. Wright,
Sir Rich. Wiseman,	Sir Gilb. Gerrard,
Mr. Westphalling,	Sir Tho. Clergis,
Sir Hen. Capell,	Sir Cha. Harbord,
Sir Fr. Clerke,	Mr. Osborne,
Sir William Hickman,	Sir Phil. Warwick,
Sir Jo. Lowther,	Mr. Thynne,
Sir Edmund Jennings,	Mr. Windham,
Mr. Maynard,	Sir John Elwes,
Mr. Browne,	Sir Jo. Brampton,
Sir Nich. Slaning,	Mr. Cheney,

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Sir. Hen. Goodrick,
Mr. Jones,
Sir Jo. Knight,
Sir Tho. Allen,
Mr. Boscarven,
Mr. Collingwood,
Lord Ashley,
Mr. Tempest,
Sir Eliab Harvey,
Sir Rich. Corbett,
Mr. Progers,
Mr. St. John,
Mr. Gwyn,

Mr. Weld,
Sir John Dawney,
Mr. May,
Mr. Howard,
Col. Philips,
Mr. Godolphin,
Mr. Knowles,
Mr. Thynn,
Sir Edmund Windham,
Sir Rich. Everard,
Col. Wheatley,
Mr. Treby.

And all that come are to have Voices ; and they are to meet every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, in the Speakers Chamber, and to take into Consideration all such Matters as shall or may come in question touching Returns, Elections, and Priviledges ; and to proceed upon double Returns in the first place, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions therein, to the House, from time to time. And all Persons that will question Returns, are to do it in fourteen days next ; and so in fourteen days after any new Return shall be brought in. — And the said Committee is to have power to send for Witneses, Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information. And all Members who are returned for two or more places , are to make their Elections by this day three weeks, for which of the places they will serve, provided there be no Question upon the Return for that place. And if any thing should come in question touching the Return, Election, or matter of Priviledge of any Member of this Committee, such Member is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in debate.

An Order of the second day of *April*, 1677, concerning Bribery, and drinking at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, was read as followeth.

Resolved,

That if any Person hereafter to be elected into a Place for to sit and serve in the House of Commons, for any County, Town, Port, or Burrough, after the Test, or the issuing out of the Writ or Writs of Election upon the calling or summoning of Parliament hereafter, or after any such Place becomes vacant hereafter in the time of Parliament, shall by himself, or by any other on his behalf, or at his charge, at any time before the day of his Election, give any person or persons having Vote in any such Election, any Meat or Drink exceeding in the true value of ten pounds in the whole, in any places but in his own Dwelling-house or Habitation, for six months last past; or shall, before such Election be made and declared, make any other Present, Gift, Reward, Promise, or Obligation, to do the same either to any such person or persons in particular, or to any such County, City, Town, Port, or Burrough in general, or to or for the use or benefit of them or any of them, every such Entertainment, Present, Gift, Reward, Promise, or Obligation, being duely proved, is and shall be a sufficient ground, cause, and matter to make every such Election void as to the person so offending, and to render the person so elected incapable to sit in Parliament by such Election. And hereof the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, is appointed to take special notice and care, and to act and determine matters coming before them accordingly.

Resolved,

That this Order do continue a standing Order of the House, and an Instruction to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges; and to commence from the said second day of *April, 1677.*

The House being informed that *Michael Mallet Esq;* one of the Members of this House, is committed Prisoner to the *Tower,*

Ordered,

Ordered,

That an Order be sent to the Constable of the *Tower*, or his Deputy, to bring the said Mr. *Mallet* to this House to morrow-morning, together with the Cause of this Commitment.

A Petition of *Henry Alexander* Esq; Earl of *Sterline* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, complaining of an undue practice in the Sheriff of *Berk-shire*, in returning *William Barker* Esq; together with the Petitioner, to serve in this present Parliament as Knight of the Shire for the said County of *Berks* in injury of the Petitioner, who, as he alleadges, was duely elected, and ought to have been singly returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same, together with their Opinions therein, to the House.

A Petition of *William Tempest* Esq; complaining of an undue practice in the Mayor of the City and Sheriff of the County of *Durham*, in returning *John Parkhurst* Esq; to serve for the said City of *Durham* in injury of the Petitioner, who, as he alleadges, was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same, together with their Opinions therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for electing a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Town and County of *Kingston upon Hull* in the County of *York*, in the room of *Andrew Marvell* Esq; deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue out his Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the electing of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Town and County of *Southampton*, in the room of *Richard Ford* Knight, deceased.

As also for the Burrough of *East Grinstead* in the County of *Suffex*, in the room of *Edward Sackville* Esq; deceased.

As also for the Burrough of *Downton* in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *Henry Eyres* Esq; deceased.

As also for the Burrough of *Eye* in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of *Sir George Reeves* Baronet, deceased.

As also for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Flint*, in the room of *Sir Thomas Hanmer* Baronet, deceased.

As also for electing a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Andover* in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of *Sir Kingsmill Lucy* Baronet, deceased.

As also for the Town of *Northampton*, in the room of *Henry Lord O-bryan*, deceased.

As also for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Pembrooke*, in the room of *Arthur Owen* Esq; deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker be desired to give notice to the Clerk of the Crown, to take care that the Writs for the new Elections be delivered to the hands of the high Sheriffs of the respective Counties, and that the House do expect an Account thereof.

Ordered nemine contradicente,

That a Committee be appointed to consider of ways and means for providing Remedies for the better prefer-

servation and safety of his Majesties person, and that an humble Address be presented to his Majesty for removing all Popish Recusants from within ten miles of the City of London; and it is referred to

Sir Tho. Meeres,
Sir Rob. Sawyer,
Sir Nich. Carey,
Sir John Trevor,
Sir Gilb. Gerrard,
Sir Jo. Lowther,
Mr. Powle,
Sir Geo. Downing,
Lord Cavendish,
Sir Tho. Clergis,
Serj. Maynard,
Sir Rob. Thomas,
Mr. Zacheverill,
Mr. Williams,
Sir Tho. Littleton,

Sir Tho. Lee,
Sir Edw. Deering,
Mr. Wright,
Sir Christoph. Musgrave,
Sir Jo. Ernley,
Sir Jo. Rolls,
Sir Gilb. Talbott,
Sir Anth. Irby,
Sir William Hickman,
Sir Henry Pickerin,
Sir Eliab Harvey,
Mr. Booth,
Sir Jonath. Trelawney,
Sir Henry Capell,

Or any three of them:

And they are to meet this Afternoon at three of the clock, in the Speakers Chamber, and to report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House. And they are impowered to send for Persons, Papers, and Records,

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to examine concerning the Murther of Sir Edmond-bury Godfrey, and to enquire into the manner and means how he came by his Death. And likewise into the particulars of the Plot and Conspiracy, mentioned in his Majesties Speech, against his Person and Government. And it is referred to

Sir William Hickman,
Mr. Zacheverill,
Sir Gilb. Gerrard,

Sir Nich. Carey,
Mr. Powle,
Lord Russell,

Col,

Col. *Wheatley*,
 Sir *Tho. Doleman*,
 Sir *Rob. Sawyer*,
 Sir *John Trevor*,
 Sir *Tho. Clergis*,
 Mr. *Booth*,
 Sir *Tho. Littleton*,
 Mr. *Love*,
 Lord *Cavendish*,
 Mr. *Waller*,
 Lord *Ancram*,
 Sir *Anth. Irbys*,
 Mr. *Secretary Coventry*,
 Sir *Christoph. Musgrave*,
 Sir *Cha. Harbord*,
 Sir *Jo. Rolls*,
 Sir *Eliab Harvey*,
 Sir *Jo. Ernley*,
 Sir *Adam Brown*,
 Sir *Edw. Deering*,
 Sir *Hen. Pickerin*,
 Sir *Rob. Thomas*,
 Mr. *Finch*,

Sir *Jo. Barnaby*,
 Sir *Henry Capell*,
 Sir *Sam. Bernardiston*,
 Sir *Tho. Lee*,
 Sir *Jo. Birkenhead*,
 Serj. *Gregory*,
 Sir *Eliab Harvey*,
 Sir *Jo. Brampston*,
 Sir *Tho. Stringer*,
 Sir *Tho. Meeres*,
 Mr. *Bennet*,
 Sir *John Talbot*,
 Sir *Jo. Woerden*,
 Sir *Jo. Knight*,
 Mr. *Crouch*,
 Mr. *Westballing*,
 Sir *Nich. Slaning*,
 Mr. *King*,
 Mr. *Hopkins*,
 Mr. *Wright*,
 Sir *Gilb. Talbott*,
 Sir *Jo. Coventree*.

And they are to meet
 this Afternoon at three of the clock, in the Speakers
 Chamber, &c.

Resolved,

That an Address be made to his Majesty, humbly to
 desire his Majesty, that all Papers which do relate to the
 Plot and Conspiracy, mentioned in his Majesties Speech,
 against his Person and Government, may be communi-
 cated to the said Committee.

Ordered,

That the Committee last appointed, do enquire whe-
 ther, contrary to the Law for hindering dangers that
 may happen from Popish Recusants, any persons have
 since

since got into any Employment Military or Civil; and if any such appear, that an Address be made to his Majesty to remove them.

A Message from the Lords by my Lord Chief Justice North, and Mr. Justice Groves.

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords have resolved to address to his Majesty to appoint a day for A solemn Fast and Humiliation; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Address being left, and the Messengers being withdrawn, the Address was twice read.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Address, filling up the Blanks with the word [Commons.]

And the Messengers being called in, Mr. Speaker acquaints them that the House had agreed with the Lords in the said Address, filling up the Blank with the word [Commons.]

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow-morning eight
of the clock.

Martis 22^o die Octobris, 1678.

A Petition of *Richard Strode* Esq; complaining of an undue Return of *George Treby* Esq; to serve for the Burrough of *Plumpton-Earl* in the County of *Devon*, in injury of the Petitioner who was duely elected to serve for the said Burrough, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections,
to

to examine the matter, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

A Petition of Sir *Tho. Maleverer* Baronet, complaining of an undue Return of *Rouſea Wentworth*, to ſerve for the Burrough of *Alborough* in the County of *York*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

A Bill for ſettling certain Lands to charitable uſes within the Pariſh of *Kelſhall* in the County of *Suffolk*, was read the firſt time.

Ordered,

That the Bill be read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *William Beverſham*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded Us to acquaint you, That his Maſteſty having been attended with the White-ftaves to know his pleaſure when both Houſes may attend him with the Addreſs, his Maſteſty hath appointed this Afternoon at three of the clock for both Houſes to attend him in the Banquetting-houſe at White-hall.

And then the Houſe adjourned
till half an hour after two of
the clock in the Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem.

The houſe being met in order to attend his Maſteſty,
Adjourned till to morrow-morning eight of the clock.

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Mercurii 23^o die Octobris, 1678.

Ordered,

That the Petition of *John Coryton Esq;* complaining of an undue Return of *Ambrose Manaton Esq;* to serve for the Burrough of *Newport* in the County of *Cornwal*, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections; who are in the first place to examine the merits of the said Return, and report the same, together with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Mr. Speaker reports, That he had attended his Majesty with the Address for appointing a day for a solemn Fast; and his Majesty was pleased to return Answer, That he would give speedy Orders for a Fast accordingly.

Ordered,

That the Dean of *St. Pauls* be desired to preach before this House at *St. Margarets Westminster* on the said Fast-day; and Mr. Speaker is to give him notice.

A Bill for hindering Papists to sit in either House of Parliament, was read the first time.

A Petition of *William Wogan Esq;* complaining of an undue Return of *Sir Herbert Perrot Knight*, to serve for the Town and County of *Haverford-west*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Re-

Resolved, &c.

That the matter concerning the Plot and Conspiracy, mentioned in his Majesties Speech, against his Person and Government, be heard at the Bar of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* be forthwith sent for to give in his Testimony at the Bar of this House, touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, do go with his Messengers and bring Mr. *Oates* to the Bar of this House : And all Constables and other Officers, and persons whatsoever, are required to be aiding and assisting to him, if need require.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Michael Godfrey* be forthwith sent for to attend with the Papers and Examinations taken by Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, and now remaining in his custody sealed up, touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech.

Sir *John Trevor* reports, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Majesty for removing all Popish Recusants from within Twenty miles of the City, an Address agreed by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and, with some amendments made at the Table, upon the Question agreed, and is as follows.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the
and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, having
taken into Our serious considerations the bloody and
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Trayterous Designes of Popish Recusants against your Majesties sacred Person and Government, and the Protestant Religion, wherewith your Majesty hath been graciously pleased to acquaint Us : For the preventing whereof, We do most humbly beseech your Majesty, That your Majesty would graciously please, by your Royal Proclamation, to command all and every person and persons, being Popish Recusants, or so reputed, forthwith, under pain of your Majesties highest displeasure, and severe execution of your Laws against them, to depart and retire themselves and their Families from your Royal Palaces of White-hall, Somerset-house, and St. James's, the Cities of London and Westminster, and from all other places within Ten miles of the same, other than Householders, being Traders exercising some manual Occupation, and settled for Twelve months last past in houses of their own, and not having an Habitation elsewhere; giving in their own Names, and the Names of all other persons in their Families to the two next Justices of the Peace. And that it may be inserted in the said Proclamation, That immediately after the day limited for their departure, the Constables, Church-wardens, and other the Parish-Officers, go from house to house in their several Parishes, Hamlets, Constableries, and Divisions respectively, and there take an Account of the Names and Surnames of all such persons as are Popish Recusants, or suspected so to be, as well Householders as Lodgers or Servants, and to carry a List of their Names to the two next Justices of the Peace; who are to be thereby required and enjoined to send for them and every of them, and tender to them the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; and to commit to prison, till the next succeeding Sessions of the Peace, all such as shall refuse the said Oaths; and at the said Sessions to proceed against them according to Law. And that your Majesty will be pleased to direct Commissions to be forthwith issued under the great Seal of England to
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all Justices within the Cities of London and Westminster, and within Ten miles of the same, to authorise and require them or any two of them to administer the said Oaths accordingly. And that no Warrant or License be granted by the Lords of your Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, or any of them, or otherwise, for the stay, return, or repair of any such person or persons in or to any of the said places, till some more effectual Law be passed for preventing the said Popish Conspiracies, and for preservation of your Majesties sacred Person, and the Religion and Government by Law established.

For which, We your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects will always employ our utmost Endeavours and dayly Prayers.

Ordered,

That Sir John Trevor do carry up the Address to the Lords, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Oates was then called in to the Bar of the House, and gave in his Information touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech; and having therein given an account of certain Benedictine Monks who lodge in the Wardrobe in the Savoy,

Ordered,

That the Members of the House who are Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex and City of Westminster, do forthwith issue out their Warrant for apprehending the Benedictine Monks, and for searching their Lodgings, and for seizing their Books, Papers, and Writings.

The House being informed that Mr. Michael Godfrey was, according to the Order of the House, attending with the Papers of the Examinations taken by Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey, touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Godfrey* do deliver the Papers which are in his custody to this House.

And Mr. *Godfrey* being called in, did deliver the Papers sealed up, and informed the House that he found the same in a Drawer in his Brothers Study, and that his Clerk told him they were the Examinations of Mr. *Oates*, taken by Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, touching the Plot and Conspiracy; and that he caused the same to be sealed up with five several Seals, and that it was the same which he now delivered in.

The House being informed that Mr. *Richard Mules* can give an account of something relating to Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mules* be summoned to attend the House to morrow-morning at ten of the clock,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* do attend again to morrow-morning at ten of the clock.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock,

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Jovis 24^o die Octobris, 1678.

A Bill for hindring Papists to sit in either House of Parliament was read the second time.

Resolved, &c.

That the Bill be committed to

Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Jones,
Sir Nich. Carey,	Mr. Browne,
Serj. Rigby,	Sir Francis Lake,
Sir John Talbott,	Mr. John Wright,
Sir Courtney Poole,	Sir George Downing,
Mr. Westphalling,	Lord Cavendish,
Sir Adam Browne,	Sir Rob. Thomas,
Lord Longford,	Mr. Williams,
Sir John Trevor,	Mr. Powle,
Serj. Gregory,	Sir Rich. Franklyn,
Serj. Stringer,	Sir Anth. Irby,
Sir John Ernley,	Sir William Franklyn,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Weld,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Love,
Sir Tho. Meeres,	Lord Russell,
Sir Edmund Jenings,	Mr. Stockdale,
Sir Edward Deering,	Sir Henry Capell,
Mr. Henley,	Sir William Hickman,
Sir Tho. Littleton,	Serj. Maynard,
Sir John Knight,	Sir Gilb. Gerrard,
Sir Jonath. Trelawney,	Sir Cha. Harbord,
Sir Sam. Bernardiston,	Sir Eliab Harvey,
Mr. Zacheveril,	Mr. Price,
Sir John Lowther,	Col. Birch,
Sir Edmund Windham,	Sir Tho. Lee.

And all that come are to have Voices ; and they are to meet this Afternoon at three of the clock , in the Speakers Chamber.

Or-

Ordered,

That it be made part of the Address to be presented to his Majesty; That his Majesty would be pleased to have a more strict regard to the preservation and safety of his Person, and to give order that there may not be so great a freedom of Resort to his Majesties Court; and likewise to give order that the Cities of London and Westminster, and parts adjacent, may, during the time of the sitting of Parliament, be secured and guarded by the Militia.

Ordered,

That the Members who were appointed to draw up the Address, do withdraw, and prepare a Clause to be added to the said Address, pursuant to the said Order.

The House being acquainted that Mr. Mules was attending according to the Order of the House, and Mr. Mules being called in, and having delivered his Information to the House, and being withdrawn, and a Paper being delivered in signed by Mr. Mules, containing his Information; and Mr. Mules being called in to the Bar, and owning the Contents of the said Paper, which Paper being read to the House, is as followeth.

About five or six days before Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey was missing from his House, I met him in St. James's Park, and in discourse told him, that I understood he examined Mr. Oates about a Plot that was much discours'd of, and desired to have such an Account from him as might be fit to be communicated: Whereupon he gave me some short Relation, agreeing for the most part with what was the common Discourse of the Town.

After much discourse, he added his prayers, That God would preserve my Master, for he was in danger: I

asked him which of my Masters he meant? He replied, My Lord Duke of Ormond. I took him by the hand and desired him to speak something more to that point, and to let me know particulars: Whereupon (shaking his head) he said, the Duke of Ormond was to be destroyed; but I must not talk much (said he) for I lie under ill Circumstances: some great men blame me for not having done my duty, and I am threatned by others, and very great ones too, for having done too much. He then pressed to leave me, and without saying much more, we parted.

R. Mulys.

Sir John Trevor reports from the Committee appointed to draw up a Clause to be added to the Address to be presented to his Majesty, That the Committee had agreed upon a Clause; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and upon the Question agreed to be made part of the Address, and is as follows.

And whereas the safety and preservation of your Majesties sacred person is of so great a consequence and concernment to the Protestant Religion and to all your Subjects, We do further most humbly beseech your Majesty to command the Lord Chamberlain, and all other the Officers of his Majesties Household, to take a strict care that no unknown or suspicious persons may have access near your Majesties person: And that your Majesty will likewise please to command the Lord Mayor and Lieutenantancy of London to appoint sufficient Guards of the Trained-bands within the City of London, during this Sessions of Parliament. And likewise the Lords-Lieutenants of Middlesex and Surrey to appoint the like
Guards

Guards of the Trained-bands in Middlesex, Westminster, Southwark, and other places adjacent, as shall be thought necessary.

The Papers of Examination taken by Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech, which were delivered in by Mr. Michael Godfrey, were opened, and by Mr. Speaker read to the House.

Ordered,

That the Chair-man of the Committee appointed to examine concerning the murder of Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey, do take into his custody the Papers of the Examinations taken by Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey, concerning the Plot mentioned in his Majesties Speech; and that the Committee do prepare an Abstract thereout to be entred in the Journal.

Ordered,

That Sir John Coventry and Mr. Hopkins be added to the Committee appointed to examine touching the murder of Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey.

A Message from the Lords by Sir Miles Cooke and Sir John Hoskins.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the Address to be presented to his Majesty to remove the Papists from London, with some Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Bayles and Mr. Robinson, two of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, be summoned to attend at the Bar of the House, to give an Account concerning Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ad-

dress for removing Papists from *London*.

The first Amendment being for filling up the blank in the first *fol.* with the words [Lords Spiritual and Temporal] was twice read, and upon the Question agreed.

The second Amendment, *fol. 3. line 22.* being for leaving out the words [or any of them, or] and after the word [otherwise] to adde [then at the Council-board] was with the addition of these words [to be signed by six of the Lords of the Privy-Council, whereof the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, or principal Secretary of State, to be one] upon the Question agreed.

Mr. *Robinson* being called in to give an Account concerning Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, informed the House, That he met Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey* at the Sessions at *Westminster* on Tuesday and Wednesday before he was missing; and that he asked him whether he had any hand in taking the Informations touching the Plot; and that he made him answer, That he had taken them, though very unwillingly: and desiring of him that he might see them, he told him he could not, for that he had left them with my Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*: And that dining with him on Wednesday, and discoursing concerning the Plot, and the Examinations touching the same, Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey* said these words: *I have taken them, and I know not what will be the consequence of them; but I believe I shall be the first Martyr*: and that he desired him to give his reasons for such his apprehensions, which he refused to do.

Mr. *Oates* being called in, and having given a further Information to the House touching the Plot and Conspiracy,

Ordered,

That the Justices of the Peace for the County of
Middlesex

Middlesex and City of *Westminster*, do withdraw, and take the Examination of *Mr. Oates* upon Oath.

Ordered,

That Sir *John Trevor*,

Mr. Zacheverill,

Mr. Williams,

Sir *John Heath*,

Sir *George Downing*,

Mr. Papillon,

or any three of them, be appointed to search *Mr. Richard Langborne's* Papers and other Writings in his Study in the *Inner Temple*; and that the now Treasurer of that Society be desired to assist the said Committee accordingly.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Richard Langborne's* Brother be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House to morrow-morning at ten of the clock.

Ordered,

That the Benchers of the *Inner-Temple* be desired to search *Mr. Langborne's* Brother's Chamber.

Ordered,

That the Members who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* and City of *London*, do issue out their Warrant for searching the house of *Mr. Langborne's* Brother, and for seizing such Papers and Writings as they shall there finde relating to the Plot and Conspiracy.

Ordered,

That Sir *Adam Brown* and other the Members who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*, do issue out their Warrant for searching *Carlisle-house* in *Lambeth-marsh*; and they are desired to see the same executed.

The House being acquainted that the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* had taken the Examination of *Mr. Oates* upon Oath,

Ordered,

That the Members of the House who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* and City of *Westminster*, do issue out their Warrant pursuant to the Examinations by them taken, for apprehending and searching all such persons, and seizing all Papers and Writings as are within their Liberties and Jurisdictions.

Ordered,

That my Lord Chief Justice be desired forthwith to repair to the House; and that Mr. Speaker be desired to signify to him the pleasure of the House by a Letter: which was accordingly done.

Ordered,

That Mr. *White*, alias *Whitebread*, and Mr. *Micho*, be removed from the house where they now are, to *Newgate*, in case they be in condition fit to be removed.

Mr. Solicitor-General acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House, they had delivered Mr. Speakers Letter to my Lord Chief Justice, and that my Lord Chief Justice was come along with them.

And my Lord Chief Justice being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted him with the Reasons why the House had sent for him.

And my Lord Chief Justice being withdrawn into Mr. Speakers Chamber,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do wait upon his Majesty this night, and communicate to him the Informations the House has this day received of the danger that his Majesty and the Nation lie under.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* do attend again to morrow-morning.

Ordered,

That the thanks of the House be returned to my Lord

Lord Chief Justice for his great care and diligence in the present Affairs.

And my Lord Chief Justice being called into the House, Mr. Speaker did accordingly give him the thanks of the House.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Veneris 25^o die Octobris, 1678.

MR. Speaker acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House yesterday, he had waited upon his Majesty and acquainted him with the Informations the House had yesterday received; and that his Majesty was pleased to acknowledge the great care of this House in the preservation of his Person and Government: and that his Majesty was informed that Mr. *White*, alias *Whitebread*, and Mr. *Micho*, were at present very sick; but that his Majesty would send to see them, and if they were in a condition fit to be removed, they should be forthwith sent to *Newgate*.

Ordered,

That the Members of this House who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, do repair to the Lodgings of Mr. *Whitebread* and Mr. *Micho*, and take their Examinations touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech, against his Person and Government; and do issue out their Warrant for searching their Lodgings, and seizing all such Papers and Writings relating thereto as shall be there found.

A Petition of Sir *Walter Young* Baronet, complaining of an undue Return of *Ambrose Manaton* Esq; to
serve

serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Newport* in the County of *Cornwal*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Resolved,

That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Sir *John Trevor* acquaints the House, that the persons appointed to search Mr. *Richard Langborne's* papers repaired to his Chamber, where they found several Presses, a Cabinet of papers, and that the same were very numerous; and that they had found some papers which they conceived to be of moment, and that they would proceed further in the search so soon as they had convenient time.

The House being informed that Mr. *Langborne's* Brother was without in the Lobby, in the custody of a Constable,

Ordered,

That the Members who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* do examine Mr. *Langborne's* Brother, touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech, and touching the Papers in his Brothers Study.

Ordered,

That Sir *William Hickman* do carry up the Address for removing Papists from *London*, with the Addition made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords, for the Lords concurrence.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do go and fetch Mr. *Oates* forthwith.

Ordered,

That the Lobby be cleared.

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Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee appointed to examine concerning the Murther of Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, to examine and consider of the Papers, Boxes, and other things seized in the *Savoy* in the Lodgings of the *Benedictine* Monks, and report their Opinions therein to the House.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *William Beversham*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the Addition made by this House to the Lords Amendments to the Address of both Houses to be presented to his Majesty, for removing Papists from London.

Ordered,

That no Member depart the service of the House without leave.

Mr. Oates being called in, did give in a further Information to the House touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech.

Ordered,

That the Members of the House who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, do withdraw and take the Examinations of *Mr. Oates* upon Oath.

Ordered,

That *Dr. Tong* and *Mr. Oates* be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House at four of the clock in the afternoon, to give an account touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech against his Person and Government.

And then the House adjourned
till four of the clock in the
afternoon.

Post

Post Meridiem.

Dr. *Tong* being called in, gave an account to the House of the manner of his receiving the Informations from Mr. *Oates*, touching the Plot and Conspiracy; and likewise by what means he did communicate the same to his Majesty, and the persons his Majesty appointed to receive the same.

The House being informed that Mr. *Oates* had something further to inform the House, Mr. *Oates* was called in, and having delivered his Information,

Ordered,

That the Members who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* do withdraw, and take the Examination of Mr. *Oates* upon Oath.

Ordered,

That Dr. *Tong* do attend again to morrow-morning, to give an account concerning the Firing the City of *London*.

Ordered,

That the Secretaries be desired to move the King that the Keys of Mr. *Langborne's* Chamber may be delivered by the Messengers in whose hands the same are, to the Committee appointed by the House to search Mr. *Langborne's* Papers and Writings.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Sabbati

Sabbati 26^o die Octobris, 1678.

Ordered,

THat Mr. *Bagnall* be added to the Committee appointed to search Mr. *Richard Langborne's* Papers and Writings.

Sir *John Knight* reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for hindring Papists to sit in either House of Parliament was committed, That the Committee had taken the Bill into their consideration, and had agreed upon several Amendments to be made to the Bill; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table: where the same were twice read, and upon the Question, with some Amendments made at the Table, severally agreed.

Resolved,

That the Bill, with the Amendments agreed to, be engrossed.

A Petition of the Burgers of the Burrough of *Alborough* in the County of *York*, complaining that Sir *John Reresby* had procured himself to be returned to serve in this present Parliament for the said Burrough, although he was not duely elected, was read.

Resolved, &c.

That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to examine the matter, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Ordered,

That an humble Address be made to his Majesty by such Members of this House as are of his Majesties most honourable Privy-Council, to desire his Majesty that Mr. *Coleman's* and all other Papers relating to the Plot, may be communicated to the House.

Mr,

Mr. *Tong* being called in to give an account touching the Firing the City of *London*, and he having reduced his Information into writing, which he delivered into the Clerk, and the same being read to the House,

Ordered,

That the Papers delivered in by Dr. *Tong*, relating to the Firing of the City of *London*, be referred to the consideration of the Committee appointed to examine concerning the Murther of Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, to make an Extract thereout, and report the same to the House.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* informs the House, that in pursuance of the Order yesterday, He had attended his Majesty, and acquainted him with the desires of this House, that a Committee of this House might have leave to search Mr. *Richard Langborne's* Papers; and that his Majesty was pleased to give leave that the same may be searched: and had appointed two of the Clerks of the Council to assist the Committee therein. And that his Majesty was pleased to deliver him some of Mr. *Coleman's* Papers sealed up, and ordered him to deliver the same to the House: and had also commanded him to acquaint the House that the rest of Mr. *Coleman's* Papers were at present under examination before the House of Lords, and that so soon as the Lords had done with them, they should be communicated to this House: and the Papers were accordingly by Mr. Secretary *Williamson* delivered in sealed up.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *William Beversham*,

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded to acquaint you, that the Lords of the White-staff have waited upon his Majesty to know his pleasure when both Houses shall attend him with the Address for removing Papists from London; and that his Majesty hath appointed this afternoon three of the clock for both

both Houses to attend him in the Banqueting-house at White-hall.

And then the House adjourned
till two of the clock in the
Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House being met in order to attend his Majesty
with the Address,

Adjourned till *Munday*-morning
eight of the clock.

Lunæ 28^o die Octobris, 1678.

THe House being acquainted that Mr. *Oates* had
some further Information to make to the House,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* be forthwith summoned to attend
the House.

The House being informed that there was a discourse
of blowing up the two Houses of Parliament, and that
this was the day for executing the same,

Ordered,

That Sir *Trevor Williams*, Col. *Birch*,

Sir *Gilb. Gerrard*, Sir *Tbo. Clergis*,

Sir *Philip Warwick*, Sir *Rich. Everard*,

do go and search the Rooms underneath this
House.

Mr. *Speaker* reports, that he had attended his Ma-
jesty on Saturday last with the Address to remove Pa-
pists, and that after my Lord Chancellor had read the
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Address to the King, his Majesty was pleased to return answer to this effect: That you should have the effect of your desire, and that he would give speedy orders for putting the same in execution.

Mr. *Oates* being called in, and having given a further Information,

Ordered,

That the Members who are Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* do withdraw, and take Mr. *Oates's* Examination upon Oath; and that no person be present at his Examination save the Justices of the Peace only.

An engrossed Bill for hindring Papists to sit in either House of Parliament, was read the third time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be made, *An Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament:* and that Sir *John Knight* do carry up the Bill to the Lords for their concurrence.

Resolved,

That the Papers delivered in by Mr. Secretary *Williamson* on Saturday last be opened; and the same being several Letters written by Mr. *Coleman* in French,

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to translate the Letters of Mr. *Coleman*; and it is referred to

Sir *Robert Southwell*,
Sir *Tho. Meeres*,
Mr. *Godolphin*,
Lord *Cavendish*,
Sir *Tho. Doleman*,
Sir *Cha. Cotterell*,
Lord *Russell*,
Sir *Henry Capell*,

Sir *Tho. Lee*,
Sir *Jo. Knight*,
Mr. *Hyde*,
Sir *Edmund Jennings*,
Col. *Titus*,
Mr. Secret. *Williamson*,
Sir *Jo. Trevor*,
Mr. Secretary *Coventry*,

Mr.

Mr. Papillon,
 Sir Jo. Nicholas,
 Sir Tho. Clergis,
 Col. Whitley,
 Sir Edw. Deering,
 Mr. Hopkins,
 Mr. Zacheverill,

Sir Gilb. Gerrard,
 Sir William Lowther,
 Mr. Duncombe,
 Mr. Waller,
 Sir Tho. Littleton,
 Sir William Hickman,
 Mr. Pepys,

or any three of them: And they are to meet this Afternoon at three of the clock, in the Speakers Chamber, and to send for an Inventory of all Mr. Coleman's Letters received by the Clerk of the Council now in waiting; and the Committee has power to send for persons, &c.

And then the House adjourned
 till to morrow - morning
 eight of the clock.

Martis 29^o die Octobris, 1678.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to examine concerning the murther of Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey be revived, and do sit *de die in diem*, until they have perfected the matters to them referred.

Ordered,

That none of the Votes of this House be dispersed or published in the Coffee-houses.

Sir John Knight reports from the Committee appointed to translate Mr. Coleman's Papers, That the Committee had translated the same; which he delivered in to Mr. Speaker, and were by him read to the House.

Ordered,

That his Majesty be humbly desired by such Mem-

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bers of this House as are of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, that a List of all Mr. *Coleman's* Papers which have been sorted by the Clerks of the Council, may be communicated to this House; and that all those Papers which are not sorted, may be delivered over to a Committee of this House.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. *Coleman* touching the Plot and Conspiracy mentioned in his Majesties Speech; and it is referred to

Mr. *Zacheverill*,

Col. *Birch*,

Mr. *Williams*,

Col. *Titus*,

Mr. *Powle*,

Sir *Tho. Littleton*,

Sir *John Trevor*,

Lord *Cavendish*,

Sir *John Ernley*,

Sir *Tho. Clergis*,

Serj. *Maynard*,

Sir *Tho. Meeres*,

Mr. *Hyde*,

Sir *Tho. Lee*,

Sir *Jo. Coventry*,

or any five of them, to go to *Newgate* and examine Mr. *Coleman* accordingly.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Priviledges be adjourned.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Mercurii 30^o die Octobris, 1678.

MR. *Zacheverill* reports from the Committee which by order of the House was appointed to take the Examination of Mr. *Coleman*, That the Committee went to *Newgate*, and laying before Mr. *Coleman*

man his present danger, and that he could have no hopes to escape it but by a full and plain discovery of his knowledge of the Conspiracy ; Mr. *Coleman*, without any particular Questions put to him, said to the effect following.

AS to any designe against the Kings person, or for the taking away of his Life, or the lessening of his Power, he totally denies any knowledge of it, or that he ever did designe it, or ever heard thereof either directly or indirectly. He totally denies that he ever knew or heard of any Commission for raising an Army, or any intent or designe of raising an Army, till of late that he heard so when he was examined by the Lords. He utterly denies that he ever designed or endeavoured to change the Religion established in this Kingdom, or to introduce Popery ; but confesses he did endeavour to have this Parliament dissolved, and by that means to gain a Liberty of Conscience ; which he thought this Parliament would never grant : And said, he observed every Sessions of Parliament the growth of Popery complained of, notwithstanding all their endeavours against it ; and believed that if the Catholick Religion stood upon equal ground, it would prevail. And says, he did endeavour to get 300000 *l.* from *France*, hoping that thereby his Majesty might be prevailed on to dissolve this Parliament, rather than wait for an uncertain sum.

And says, there was not three men in *England* acquainted with these his Designs, or with his Correspondence ; but that the Duke of *York* was acquainted with them ; and he believes he communicated them to the Lord *Arundel* of *Wardor*.

And said, he concluded it most probable to have money from *France* for dissolving the Parliament, in regard the Confederacy against *France* was chiefly

supported and held together by the countenance and expectation they had from this Parliament.

The first Correspondence, he says, which he had in *France*, was by some Letters of News which he wrote to Sir *William Frogmorton* about the time of the Siege of *Maestricht*, any News being welcome to a Siege; and by that way the Correspondence between him and *la Ferrier* was introduced. And says, that upon the death of *la Ferrier* (which he takes was in the year after the Siege of *Maestricht*) he sent a Narrative to *la Chaise* to give him an account of the Transactions that had passed betwixt *la Ferrier* and him; but after that, wrote not above three or four Letters to *la Chaise*; and that then the Correspondence betwixt them ceased.

He also said, that he had kept a Correspondency with the Popes Nuncio at *Brussels*; which Correspondence was first introduced by a Proposition that Father *Patrick* brought from the Nuncio there into *England*, of a great sum of money that should be given by the Pope to the King of *England*, if the Catholicks here in *England* might have some favour answerable to it.

But the Proposition being so confused that they did not understand it, he was sent by the Duke of *York* to the Nuncio at *Brussels*, to understand the Propositions. And he says, when he came to *Brussels* the Nuncio told him he had no authority from the Court of *Rome* to make any such Proposition, but did it as a private person: But says, that the Nuncio being then to go to *Rome*, promised Mr. *Coleman* to do what service there he could in that business. But says, he has not held any Correspondence with the Nuncio these three or four years, nor with any other person, so as to manage an Affair that perhaps might touch upon the business in some Letters.

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He says, the Cypher marked with the Provincial's mark, was the Cypher betwixt him and *St. Germain*, and that he always wrote to the Provincial in plain words, and not in Cypher; and that there was another Cypher between him and *Blankart* (who was Secretary to Monsieur *Rovigney*) but that was onely upon small Concerns, and not upon any thing in this nature.

And Mr. *Coleman* being then asked by the Committee whether he knew of any other sum of money that was proposed or treated on; he answered, that he believed there was money proposed to keep the King of England from joyning with the Confederates against France, but does not know of any money paid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richardson*, Keeper of the Prison of *Newgate*, be forthwith sent for to attend the House.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* acquaints the House, That in pursuance of the Order of this House, his Majesty had been attended, who was pleased to signify, that all the Papers and Writings relating to the Plot, should be communicated to the House; and that Orders were given pursuant to his Majesties Commands.

Ordered,

That the Papers relating to the Plot now under examination, be delivered to the Committee appointed to translate Mr. *Coleman's* Letters; and that

Col. *Birch*,
Sir *Caril Winch*,
Sir *Edw. Mansell*,
Dr. *Devereaux*,
Sir *Rich. Temple*,
Sir *John Coventry*,
Sir *John Woerden*,

Sir *William Frankland*,
Sir *Tho. Mompeyson*,
Lord *Clifford*,
Mr. *Hall*,
Sir *Jo. Reresby*,
Lord *Allington*,
Sir *Jo. Hanmore*,

be added to the said Committee : And they are to meet this Afternoon, and to sit *de die in diem*, until they shall have perfected the matters to them referred.

Mr. *Richardson* being called in to give an account what persons have had any communication with Mr. *Coleman* since his Commitment, he acquainted the House, That there had not been any person admitted to come to, or converse with Mr. *Coleman*, (except his Servant to know what he wanted, and his Wife by virtue of an Order from the Privy Council, and that he himself was present while she was with him, and that she was not permitted to discourse to him any thing of News relating to the Plot now under Examination) besides the Committee appointed by each House of Parliament to examine him.

Ordered,

That Sir *Tho. Meeres*, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Sir *Robert Sanyer*, be added to the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Richard Langhore's* Papers.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown be summoned to attend this House to morrow-morning.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Jovis 31^o die Octobris, 1678.

THe Clerk of the Crown being called in to give an account touching the Writs for electing new Members, acquainted the House, that he delivered the Writs to Mr. *Harris*, Servant to my Lord Chancellor,
to

to be sealed; and that he shewed him the Order of the House, and demanded of him to have the Writs again when they were sealed up; and that Mr. Harris told him that my Lord Chancellor would take care to see the Writs delivered.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Delays of issuing forth Writs, and sending them down for electing new Members; and it is referred to

Sir Nich. Carey,

Col. Birch,

Sir William Terringham,

Mr. Zacheverill,

Mr. Powle,

Sir Edward Deering,

Sir Tho. Lee,

Sir Trevor Williams,

Sir Geo. Downing,

Mr. Williams,

Sir Anth. Irby,

or any three of them.

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, that he had something to inform the House that might possibly make a further discovery touching the Plot now under Examination, and that the same had relation to Mr. Robert Wright a Member of this House, who was absent, and therefore he desired that he may be forthwith sent for to attend the service of the House.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms forthwith summon Mr. Robert Wright to attend the service of the House.

Mr. Robert Wright being come into the House, Mr. Speaker acquaints him, that he had received information, that Mr. Coleman was with him in his Lodgings the Sunday before he was committed, during the space of three hours; and that he carried some Writings into the House, but did not bring the same back again: And that the House expected an account from him what Discourse pass'd between them, and whether Mr. Coleman left any Papers with him.

Mr. *Wright* standing up in his place, informed the House, that Dr. *Short* and himself dined that day with the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*, and that Mr. *Coleman* came thither to speak with Dr. *Short*, and that Dr. *Short* and Mr. *Wright* went with Mr. *Coleman* in his Coach to Mr. *Wright's* Lodgings, where they were together three hours; and that he does not remember any Discourse pass'd between them relating to the Plot, but what was the general News of the Town, and such as used to pass in common Conversation; and that he neither saw nor knows that Mr. *Coleman* brought any Papers with him; and that he was willing his Chamber should be searched; and delivered his Keys in order thereto.

Ordered,

That Dr. *Short* be summoned to attend the House forthwith.

Ordered,

That Col. <i>Birch</i> ,	Sir <i>Gilb. Gerrard</i> ,
Sir <i>Trevor Williams</i> ,	and
Mr. <i>Weld</i> ,	Mr. <i>Progers</i> ,
do go and search Dr. <i>Short's</i> Lodgings.	

Ordered,

That Sir <i>Edm. Windham</i> ,	Sir <i>William Hickman</i> ,
Sir <i>Jo. Knight</i> ,	Sir <i>Jo. Trevor</i> ,
do go and search Mr. <i>Robert Wright's</i> Chambers	
in <i>Lincolns-Inne</i> , and his Lodgings also.	

Ordered,

That Sir <i>Hen. Capell</i> ,	Serj. <i>Maynard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Powle</i> ,	and
Sir <i>Cyrl Wych</i> ,	Col. <i>Titus</i> ,
or any three of them, do go to <i>Newgate</i> and examine Mr. <i>Coleman</i> touching what past between him,	
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Mr. *Wright*, and Dr. *Short*, the Sunday before he was committed.

Sir *Edmund Windham* acquaints the House, that the persons appointed had searched Mr. *Wright's* Chamber and Lodgings, and found no Papers but such as relate to his Profession only.

Dr. *Short* being called in, informed the House, that he was that Sunday at Mr. *Wright's* Lodgings with Mr. *Coleman*, and that what past between them was the general News. That Mr. *Coleman* mentioned Mr. *Oates* in his discourse, but the same was so little and unintelligible, that he remembers not the particulars. That he went from Mr. *Wright's* with Mr. *Coleman* in his Coach to a Patient in *Southampton-buildings*, where Mr. *Coleman* left him.

Col. *Birch* acquaints the House, that the persons appointed had searched Dr. *Short's* Lodgings, but found no Papers relating to the Plot.

Sir *Henry Capell* reports, that the persons appointed had examined Mr. *Coleman*, and that he confessed he was with Mr. *Wright*, but that he did not discourse any thing with him but what was general talk, and such as uses to pass in common Conversation; and that he brought not any Papers with him but some loose ones in his pocket, which he did not so much as produce there, and carried the same away with him again.

Resolved,

That upon the Examinations that have been taken before this House, and upon the search that has been made, it does appear, that Mr. *Robert Wright* has not had any Communication with Mr. *Coleman* or any other person whatsoever, relating to the Plot now under Examination.

The House being informed that the Clerks of the Council were attending without with Mr. *Coleman's* Papers,

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Ordered,

That the Papers be delivered to the Clerk of the House, and by him transmitted to the Committee appointed to examine the same.

Here followeth three Letters which were entred by order of the House, viz.

A Letter from Mr. Coleman to Father le Chaise, of the 29th of September, 1675.

Another from Mr. Coleman to Father le Chaise, acknowledging the sending of the same.

And the third, a Letter from Father le Chaise, acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Coleman's long Letter, viz.

Since Father St. Germain has been so kind as to recommend me to your Reverence so advantageously as to encourage you to accept my Correspondence, I will own to him that he has done me a favour without consulting me, greater than I could have been capable of if he had advised with me; because I should not then have had the confidence to have permitted him to ask it in my behalf: And I am so sensible of the honour you are pleased to do me, that though I cannot deserve it, yet at least to shew the sense I have of it, I will deal as freely and openly with you this first time, as if I had the honour of your acquaintance all my life; and shall make no Apologie for so doing, but onely tell you, that I know your Character perfectly well, though I am not so happy as to know your person; and that I have an opportunity of putting this Letter into the hands of Father St. Germain's Nephew (for whose integrity and prudence he has undertaken) without any sort of hazard.

In order then (Sir) to the plainness which I promise, I will tell you what has plainly past between your Reverend
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Predecessor, Father Ferriers, and my self. About three years ago, when the King my Master sent a Troop of his Horse-Guards into His most Christian Majesties service, under the command of my Lord Duras, He sent with it an Officer called Sir William Frogmorton, with whom I had a particular intimacy, and he had then very newly embraced the Catholick Religion; and to him did I constantly write, and by him address my self to Father Ferriers.

The first thing of great importance which I presumed to offer to him (not to trouble you with lesser matters of what passed here, and immediately after the fatal Renunciation of the Kings Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, to which we owe all our late Mischiefs and Hazards,) was in July, August, and Septemuer, 1673, when I constantly inculcated the great danger the Catholick Religion and his most Christian Majesties Interest would be in at our next Session of Parliament, which was then to be in October following; at which I plainly foresaw that the King my Master would be forced to something in prejudice of his Alliance with France: which I saw so evidently and particularly that we should make Peace with Holland, that I weighed all the Arguments (which to me were Demonstration) to convince your Court of that Mischiefe; and pressed what I could to perswade his Christian Majesty to use his utmost force to prevent that sitting of our Parliament; and proposed Expedients how to do it: But I was answered so often and so positively, that his Christian Majesty was so well assur'd by his Ambassador here, our Ambassador there, the Lord Arlington, and even the King himself, that he had no such apprehensions at all, but was fully satisfied of the contrary, and looked upon what I offered as a very zealous mistake; that I was forced to give over arguing, though not believing as they did, but confidently appealed to time and success, to prove who took their measures rightest. When it happened that
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which I foresaw came to pass, the good Father was a little surprized to see all the great mens mistake, and a little one in the right; and was pleased, by Sir William Frogmorton, to desire the continuance of my Correspondence: which I was mighty willing to comply with, knowing the Interest of our King, and in a more particular manner, of my more immediate Master the Duke, and his most Christian Majesty, to be so inseparably united, that it was impossible to divide them without destroying them all.

Upon this I shewed that our Parliament, in the circumstances it was managed, by the timorous counsels of our Ministers who then governed, could never be useful either to England, France, or the Catholick Religion; but that we should as certainly be forc'd from our Neutrality at their next meeting, as we had been from our active Alliance with France the last. That a Peace, in the circumstances we were in, was much more to be desired, than the continuance of the War: That the Dissolution of our Parliament would certainly make a Peace; for that the Confederates did more depend upon the Power they had in our Parliament, than upon any thing else in the world, and were more encouraged from thence to continue the War. So that if that were dissolved, their Measures would be all broken, and they consequently in a manner necessitated to a Peace.

The good Father minding this Discourse somewhat more than the Court of France thought fit to do my former, urged it so home to the King, that his Majesty was so pleased to give him order to signifie to his R. H. my Master, that his Majesty was fully satisfied of his R. H.'s good intention towards him, and that he esteemed both their Interests but one and the same. That my Lord Arlington and the Parliament were both to be lookt upon as very unuseful to their Interest; and that if his R. H. would endeavour to dissolve this Parliament, his Majesty would assist him with his Power and Purse to have such a new one as would be for their purpose. This and a
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great many more Expressions of Kindness and Confidence, Father Ferrier was pleased to communicate to Sir William Frogmorton, and commanded him to send them to his R. H. ; and withal, to beg his R. H. to propose to his most Christian Majesty what he thought necessary for his own Concern, and the advantage of Religion ; and his Majesty would certainly do all he could to advance both or either of them.

That Sir William Frogmorton sent to me by an Express, who left Paris, June 2. 1674. Stilo Novo.

I no sooner had it, but I communicated it to his R. H. to which his R. H. commanded me to answer ; as I did on the 29th of the same month.

That his R. H. was very sensible of his most Christian Majesties friendship, and that he would labour to cultivate it, with all the good Offices he was capable of doing for his Majesty. That he was fully convinced that their Interests were one. That my Lord Arlington and the Parliament were not onely unuseful, but very dangerous both to England and France ; that therefore it was necessary that they should do all they could to dissolve it. And that his R. H.'s opinion was, That if his most Christian Majesty would write his thoughts freely to the King of England upon this subject, and make the same offer to his Majesty of his Purse to dissolve this, which he made to his R. H. to call another, he did believe it very possible for him to succeed, with the assistance we should be able to give him here. And that if this Parliament were dissolved, there would be no great difficulty of getting a new one, which would be more useful : the constitution of our Parliament being such, that a new one can never hurt the Crown, nor an old one do it good.

His R. H. being pleased to own those Propositions, which were but onely General, I thought it more reasonable to be more particular, and to come close to the point.

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That if we happened to agree, we might go the faster about the Work, and come to some issue before the time were too much spent.

I laid this for my Maxime, The Dissolution of our Parliament would certainly procure a Peace : Which Proposition was granted by every body I conversed withal, even by Monsieur Rovigny himself, with whom I took liberty of discoursing so far, but durst not say anything of the Intelligence I had with Father Ferriers.

Next, That a sum of money certain, would certainly procure a Dissolution. This some doubted, but I am sure I never did ; for I knew perfectly well, that the King had frequent disputes with himself at that time, whether he should dissolve or continue them ; and he several times declared, That the Arguments were so strong on both sides, that he could not tell to which to incline ; but was carried at last to their continuance, by this one Argument : If I try them once more, they may possibly give me my Money ; if they do, I have gained my point ; if they do not, I can dissolve them then, and be where I am now : so that I have a possibility at least of getting money for their continuance, against nothing on the other side. But if we could have turned this Argument, and said, Sir, their Dissolution will procure you money, when you have onely a bare probability of getting any by their Continuance ; and have shewn how far that bare probability was from being a foundation to build any hope upon, which I am sure his Christian Majesty was sensible enough of. And how much 3000000l. Sterling certain (which was the sum we proposed) was better than a bare probability (without any reason to hope that that would ever come to pass) of having half so much more (which was the most he designed to ask) upon some vile dishonourable terms, and a thousand other hazards, which we had great reason to be afraid of. If, I say, we had power to have so argued, I am most confidently assur'd we could have compassed it : for Logick in our Court, built upon Money, has more powerful Charms than any other sort of Reason.

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But to secure his most Christian Majesty from any hazards as to this point, I proposed, That his Majesty should offer that sum upon that Condition; and if the Condition were not performed, the Money should never be due; if it were, and that a Peace would certainly follow thereupon, (which no body doubted) his Majesty would gain his end, and save all the vast Expences of the next Campagne; by which he could not hope to better his Condition, or to put himself into more advantageous circumstances of Treating, than he was then in; but might probably be in a much worse, considering the mighty Oppositions he was like to meet with, and the uncertain chances of War.

-But admitting that his Majesty could maintain himself by his great Strength and Conduct, in as good a condition to Treat the next year, as he was then in, which was as much as could then reasonably be hoped for, he should have saved by this Proposal as much as all the men he must needs loose; and all the charges he should be at in a year, could be valued to amount to more than 300000 l. Sterling, and so much more, in case his condition should decay, or it should be worse than it was when this was made: And the Condition of his R. H. and the Catholick Religion here, which depends very much upon the success of his Christian Majesty, delivered from a great many frights and real hazards.

Father Ferriers seemed to be very sensible of the benefit which all Parties would gain by this Proposal; but yet it was unfortunately delayed by the unhappy tedious sickness which kept him so long from the King in Franche Compte, and made him so unable to wait upon his Majesty after he had returned to Paris: But so soon as he could compass it, he was pleased to acquaint his Majesty with it; and did write to the Duke himself, and did me the honour to write to me also, on the 15th of September, 1674, and sent his Letters by Sir William Frogmorton, who came express upon that Errand.

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In those Letters he gave his R. H. fresh Assurances of his most Christian Majesties friendship, and of his zeal and readiness to comply with every thing his R. H. should think fit to propose in favour of Religion, or the business of the Money; and that he had commanded Monsieur Rovigney, as to the latter, to treat and deal with his R. H. and to receive and observe his Orders and Instructions: but desired that he might not at all be concerned as to the former, but that his R. H. would cause what Propositions he thought fit to propose about Religion, to be offered either to Father Ferrier or to Monsieur Pompone.

These Letters came to us about the middle of our September, and his R. H. expected daily when Monsieur Rovigney should speak to him about the subject of that Letter; but he took no notice at all of any thing, till September 19. and then onely said, that he had command from his Majesty to give his R. H. the most firm Assurance imaginable of his Friendship, or something to that purpose, making his R. H. a general Complement; but made no mention of any particular Orders relating to the subject of Father Ferrier's Letter.

The Duke wondering at this proceeding, and being much obliged to stay good part of Octob. at Newmarket, and soon after his coming back hearing of the death of Father Ferrier, he gave over all further prosecuting the former Project. But I believe I saw Monsieur Rovigney's policie all along, who was willing to save his Masters money, upon an assurance we would do all we could to stave off the Parliament for our own sakes; that we would struggle as hard without money as with it. And we having by this time, upon our own Interests, prevailed to get the Parliament prorogued till the 13th of April, he thought that the Prorogation being to a day so high in the Spring, would put the Confederates so much beyond their measures, as that it might procure a Peace, and be as useful to France as a Dissolution.

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Upon these Reasons, which I suppose he went upon, I had several discourses with him, and did open my self so far to him as to say, that I could wish his Master would give us leave to offer 300000 l. to our Master for the Dissolution of the Parliament, and shew him that a Peace would most certainly follow a Dissolution; which he agreed with me in: and that we desired not the money from his Master to excite our Wills, or to make us more industrious to use our utmost power to procure a Dissolution, but to strengthen our Power and Credit with the King, and to render us more capable to succeed with his Majesty; as most certainly we should have done, had we been fortified with such an Argument.

To this purpose I promised Monsieur Pomponne frequently by Sir William Frogmorton, who returned from hence again into France on the 16th of November, the day our Parliament should have set, but was prorogued. Monsieur Pomponne, as I was informed by Sir William, did seem to approve the thing, but yet had two Objections against it.

1. That the sum we proposed was great, and could ill be spared by his Majesty in the present Circumstances he was in.

To which we answered, That if by his expending that sum he could procure a Dissolution of our Parliament, and thereby a Peace, which every body agreed would necessarily follow, his most Christian Majesty would save five or ten times a greater sum, and so be a good Husband by his Expence; and if we did not procure a Dissolution, he should not be at that Expence at all: for that we desired him only to promise upon that condition, which we were contented to be obliged to perform first.

2. The second Objection was, That the Duke did not move in it, nor appear in it himself.

To which we answered, That he did not indeed to Monsieur Pomponne, because he had found so ill an effect of

the Negotiations with Father Ferrier when it came into Monsieur Rovigney's hands ; but he had concern'd himself in it to Father Ferrier.

Yet I continued to prosecute and press the Dissolution of the Parliament, detesting all Prorogations as onely so much loss of time, and a means of strengthening all those who depended upon it, in opposition to the Crown, the Interest of France, and the Catholick Religion, in the opinion they had taken, that our King durst not part with his Parliament, apprehending another would be much worse.

2. That he could not live without a Parliament, therefore they must suddenly meet ; and the longer he kept them off, the greater the necessities would grow, and consequently their power to compel him to do what they listed would increase accordingly : And therefore if they could but maintain themselves a while, their day would certainly come in a short time, in which they should be able to work their Wills.

Such discourses as these kept the Confederates and the Male-contents in heart, and made them weather on the War in spite of all the Prorogations : and therefore I prest a Dissolution till February last, when our Circumstances were so totally changed ; that we were forced to change our Councils too, and be as much for the Parliament's sitting as we were before against it. Our Change was this : Before that time the Lord Arlington was the onely Minister in Credit, who thought himself out of all danger of a Parliament, he having been accused before them, and justified ; and therefore was zealous for their sitting : And to increase his Reputation with them, and to become a perfect Favourite, he set himself all he could to persecute the Catholick Religion, and to oppose the French. To shew his zeal against the first, he revived some old Dormant Orders for prohibiting the Roman Catholicks to appear before the King, and put them into execution at his first coming into the Office of Lord Chamberlain. And to make

make sure work against the second, (as he thought) prevailed with the King to give him and the Earl of Ossery (who married two Sisters of Myne Heer Odykes) leave to go over into Holland with the said Heer, to make a Visit, as they pretended, to their Relations; but indeed and in truth to propose the Lady Mary, eldest Daughter to his R. H. as a Match for the Prince of Orange, not onely without the consent, but against the good liking of his R. H. insomuch as the Lord Arlington's creatures were forc'd to excuse him with a distinction that the said Lady was not to be lookt upon as the Duke's Daughter, but as a Child of the State; and so the Duke's consent not to be much considered in the disposal of her, but the Interest onely of State. By this he intended to render himself the Darling of the Parliament & Protestants, who would look on themselves as secure in their Religion by such an Alliance, and designed further by that means to draw us into close conjunction with Holland, and Enemies of France. The Lord Arlington set forth upon this Errand Nov. the 10th, 1674, and returned not till Jan. 6. following. During his absence, the Lord Treasurer, Lord Keeper, and Duke of Lauderdale, were the onely Ministers in any considerable Credit with the King, and who all pretended to be entirely united to the Duke; declared loudly and with great violence against the said Lord, and his actions in Holland, and did hope in his absence to have totally supplanted and routed him out of the Kings favour; and after that, they thought they might have easily enough dealt with the Parliament: but none of them had courage enough to speak against the Parliament till they could get rid of him, for fear they should not succeed, but that the Parliament should sit in spite of them, and come to hear that they had used their endeavours against it; which would have been so unpardonable a Crime with our Omnipotent Parliament, that no power would have been able to have saved them from punishment.

But they finding at his return, when they could not prevail against him by such means and arts as they had then tryed, resolved upon new Counsels, which were to out-run him in his own course; which accordingly they undertook, and became as fierce Apostles, and zealous for Protestant Religion, and against Popery, as ever my Lord Arlington was before them; and in pursuance thereof, perswaded the King to issue out those severe Orders and Proclamations against Catholicks, which came out in February last; by which they did as much as in them lay, to extirpate all Catholicks and Catholick Religion out of the Kingdom: which Counsels were in my opinion so detestable, being levelled, as they must needs be, so directly against the Duke, by people that he had advanced, and who had professed so much duty and service to him, that we were put upon new thoughts how to save his R. H. from the deceits of them upon whom formerly we depended. We saw well enough that their designes were to make themselves as grateful as they could to the Parliament if they must sit, they thinking nothing to be so acceptable to them as the persecuting of Popery; but they were so obnoxious to the Parliaments displeasure in general, that they would have been very glad of any Expedient to keep it off, though they durst not engage against it openly themselves, but thought this device of theirs might serve to that purpose, hoping that the Duke wou'd be so alarm'd at their proceedings, and by his being left by every body, that he would be much more afraid of the Parliament than ever, and use his utmost power to prevent its sitting; which they doubted not but he would endeavour; and they were ready enough to work under-band with him for their own sakes, not his, in order thereunto, but durst not appear openly. And to encourage the Duke the more to dissolve the Parliament, their Creatures used to say, that these vigorous proceedings against the Catholicks, were in favour of the Duke; and to make

make the Dissolution of the Parliament more easie, which they knew he coveted, by obviating one great Objection which was commonly made against it, which was, That if the Parliament had been dissolved, it would be said, It was done in favour of Popery; which Clamour they prevented, by the severity which they had shewn against it beforehand.

As soon as we saw these Tricks put upon us, we plainly saw what men we had to deal with, and what we had to trust to, if we were wholly at their mercy; but yet durst not seem so dissatisfied as we really were, but rather magnified the Contrivance as advice of great cunning and skill.

All this we did purely to hold them in a belief that we would endeavour to dissolve the Parliament, that they might rely upon his R. H. for that which we knew they longed for, and were afraid they might do some other way, if they discovered that we would not.

At length, when we saw the Sessions secur'd, we declared we were for the Parliaments meeting; as indeed we were, from the moment we saw our selves used by the Kings Ministers at such a rate, that we had reason to believe they would sacrifice France, Religion, and his R. H. too, to their own Interests, if occasion served; and that they were led to believe that that was the onely way they had left to save themselves at that time: for we saw no Expedient to stop their Carreers of persecution, and those other destructive Counsels, but the Parliament, which had set it self a long time to dislike every thing the Ministers had done, and had appeared violently against Popery, whilst the Court seemed to favour it. And therefore we were confident that the Ministers having turn'd their faces, the Parliament would do so too, and still be against them, and be as little for persecution then, as they had been for Popery before.

This I undertook to manage for the Duke and for the King of France's Interest, and assured Monsieur Rovigney that the Sessions should do neither of them any hurt; for that I was sure I had power enough to prevent mischief, though I durst not answer for any good they should do, because I had but very few assistants to carry on the Work, and wanted those helps which others had of making friends.

The Dutch and Spaniard spared no pains, nor expence of money, to animate as many as they could against France.

Our Lord-Keeper, Lord-Treasurer, and all the Bishops, and such as call'd themselves old Cavaliers, who were all then as one man, were not less industrious against Popery, and had the Purse at their Girdle too, which is an excellent Instrument to gain Friends with; and all united against the Duke, as Patron both of France and of the Catholick Religion.

To deal with all this Force, we had no Money but what came from a few private hands, and those so mean ones too, that I dare presume to say that I spent more out of my own Fortune than the whole Body of the Catholicks in England besides; which was so inconsiderable in comparison of what our Adversaries could command, and we verily believe did bestow in making their Party, that it is not worth mentioning.

Yet notwithstanding all this, we saw that by the help of the Nonconformists, who were as much afraid of persecution as our selves, and of the Enemies of the Ministers, particularly the Treasurer, who by that time had supplanted the E of Arlington, and was grown sole manager of Affairs himself, we should be able to prevent what they designed against us, and so render the Sessions ineffectual to their ends, though we might not be able to compass our own; which was to make some brusk step in favour of his R. H. to shew the King
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that his Majesties Affairs in Parliament were not obstructed by reason of the aversion they had to his R. H. his person, or apprehension they had of him or his Religion, but from Faction in some; and real Dissatisfaction in others, that we have not had such fruits and effects of those great sums of Money which have formerly been given, as they expected. If we could have made them but one such step, the King would certainly have restored his R. H. to all his Commissions; upon which he would have been much greater than ever, or could probably ever have been by any other course than what he had taken of becoming Catholick.

And we were so very near gaining this point, that I did humbly beg his R. H. to give me leave to put his R. H. upon making an Address to the King, That his Majesty would be pleased to put the Fleet into the hands of his R. H. as the onely person likely to give a good account of so important a Charge to the Kingdom; and shew'd his R. H. such Reasons to perswade him that we could carry it, that he agreed with me in it. Yet others telling him how great a damage it would be to him if he should miss in such an undertaking, which for my part I could not then see, nor do I yet, he was prevailed upon not to venture.

I did communicate this designe of mine to Monsieur Rovigney, who agreed with me, that it would be the greatest advantage to his Master imaginable, to have the Duke's Power and Credit so advanced as this would certainly do, if we could compass it.

I shewed him all the difficulties we were like to meet with, and what helps we should have, but that we should want one very material one, viz. Money, to carry on the Work as we ought; and therefore I confess'd I did shamefully beg his Masters help, and would willingly have been content to have been in everlasting disgrace with all the world, if I had not with the

assistance of 20000 l. Sterling from him; made it evident to the Duke that he could not have miss'd it. Monsieur Rovigney used to tell me, That if he could be sure of succeeding in that Designe, his Master would give a very much larger sum; but that he was not in a condition to throw away Moneys upon Incertainties. I answered, That nothing of this nature can be so infallibly sure, as not to be subject to some possibility of failing; but that I durst venture to undertake to make it evident, that there was as great an assurance of succeeding in it, as any Husbandman can have of a Crop in Harvest, who sows his Ground in its season; and yet it would be accounted a very imprudent piece of wariness to scruple the venturing so much Seed in its proper time, because it is possible it may be totally lost: Who minds the Winds and the Rains at that rate, shall neither sow nor reap.

I take our Case to be much the same now, as it was the last Sessions; if we advance the Dukes Interest one step forwards, we shall put him out of the reach of all Chances for ever: for he makes such a Figure already, that cautious men do not care to act against him, or always without him, because they do not see he is much over-powered by his Enemies. Yet he is not at such a pitch as to be quite out of danger, or free from opposition; but if he could gain any considerable new addition of power, all would come over to him as the only Centre of our Government; then would Catholicks be at ease, and his most Christian Majesties Interest secured with us in England, beyond all apprehensions whatsoever.

In order to this, we have two great Designs to attempt this next Sessions.

First, That which we were about before, viz. to put the Parliament upon making their humble Request to the King, That the Fleet may be put into his R. H. his care.

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And, secondly, To get an Act for general Liberty of Conscience.

If we carry these two, or either of them, we shall in effect do what we list afterwards; and truly we think we do not undertake these great Points very unreasonably, for that we have good Cards for our Game; not but that we expect great Opposition, and we have reason to beg all the Assistance we can possibly get: And therefore if his most Christian Majesty would stand by us a little in this, and help us with such a sum as 20000 l. Sterling, (which is no great matter to venture upon such an Undertaking) I would be content to be sacrificed to the utmost malice of my Enemies, if I did not succeed.

I have proposed this several times to Monsieur Rovigny, who seems always of my opinion; but I know not whether he will be as zealous in this point as a Catholick would be, because our prevailing in these things will give the greatest blow to the Protestant Religion here, that ever it receiv'd since its birth; which perhaps he would not be very glad to see, especially when he believes that there is another way of doing his Masters business without it, which is by a dissolution of the Parliament, which I know he much depends on, and concludes, that if that come to be dissolved, it will be as much as he need care for; proceeding perhaps upon the same manner of discourse as he did this time twelve-month. But with submission to his better judgment, I do think that our case is extreamly much altered from what it was then, in relation to a Dissolution: for then the Body of our governing Ministers (all but the Earl of Arlington) were entirely united to the Duke, and would have governed his way, had they been as free from all fears and controul as they had been if the Parliament had been removed; but they have since that time engaged in quite different Councils, and embarked them-

themselves and Interests upon other Bottoms, having declared themselves against Popery. And to dissolve the Parliament simply, and without any other step made, will be to leave them to govern what way they list; which we have reason to suspect will be to the prejudice of France and Catholicks, because their late Declarations and Actions have demonstrated to us, that they take that for the most Popular way for themselves, and the likeliest to keep them in absolute Power: whereas should the Duke get above them, after the trick they have shewed him, they are not sure he will totally forget the usage he has had at their hands. Therefore it imports now to advance our Interest a little further by some such Project as I have named, before we dissolve the Parliament, or else perhaps we shall but change Masters, a Parliament for Ministers, but shall be established and stand firm without any opposition: for every body then will come over to us, and worship the rising Sun.

I have here given you the History of three years as short as I could, though I am afraid it will seem very long and troublesome to your Reverence, amongst the multitude of Affairs you are engaged in. I have also shewn you the present state of our Case, which may by Gods providence and good conduct be made of such advantage to Gods Church, that for my part I can scarce believe my self awake, or the thing real, when I think of a Prince, in such an Age as we live in, converted to such a degree of Zeal and Piety, as not to regard any thing in the world in comparison of God Almighty's Glory, the Salvation of his own Soul, and the Conversion of our poor Kingdom, which has a long time been oppress'd, and miserably harass'd by Heresie and Schism.

I doubt not but your Reverence will consider our Case, take it to heart, and afford us what help you can, both with the King of Heaven by your holy Prayers, and with
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his most Christian Majesty by that Credit which you most justly have with him; and if ever his Majesties Affairs or your own can want the service of so inconsiderable a creature as my self, you shall never finde any Body readier to obey your Commands, or faithfuller in the execution of them, in the best of his power, than

Your most humble
and
most obedient Servant.

Sept. 25. 1675.

I Sent your Reverence a tedious Letter on our 29th of September, to inform you of the progress of our Affairs for these two or three last years. I have now again the opportunity of a very sure hand to convey this by. I have sent you a Cypher, because our Parliament now drawing on, I may possibly have occasion to send you something which you may be willing enough to know, and may be necessary for us that you should. When I may want the conveniencie of a Messenger, when any thing occurs of more Concern than ordinary, which may not be fit to be trusted to a Cypher alone, I will (to make all sure) write in Lemon between the Lines of the Letter; which shall have nothing in it visible, but what I care not who sees; but dried by a warm fire, shall discover what is written: So that if the Letter comes to your hands, upon drying it any thing appears more than did before, you may be sure no body has seen it by the way. I will not trouble you with that way of writing but upon special occasions, and then I will give you a hint to look to it, by concluding my visible Letter with something of fire or burning; by which mark you may know there is something undersaith, and how my Letter is to be used to finde it out.

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We have here a mighty Work upon our hands, no less than the Conversion of three Kingdoms; and by that perhaps the utter subduing of a pestilent Heresie, which has domineer'd over part of this Northern world a long time.

There was never such hopes of success since the death of our Queen Mary, as now in our days, when God has given us a Prince who is become (may I say by miracle?) zealous for being the Author and Instrument of so glorious a Work; but the Opposition we are sure to meet with, is also sure to be great: So that it imports us to get all the Aid and Assistance; for the Harvest is great, and the Labourers are few.

That which we rely upon most, next to God Almighty's providence and the fervour of my Master the Duke, is the mighty minde of his Christian Majesty, whose generous Soul inclines him to great Undertakings; which being managed by your Reverences exemplary Piety and Prudence, will certainly make him look upon this as most suitable to himself, and best becoming his power and thought: So that I hope you'll pardon me, if I be troublesome too upon this occasion, from whom we expect the greatest help we can hope for.

I confess I think his Christian Majesties Temporal Interest is so much attacqued to that of his R. H. which can never be considerable but upon the advancement of the Catholick Religion, that his Ministers cannot give him better Advice, even in a politick sense abstracted from the considerations of the next world, than that of our blessed Lord, To seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, &c.

Yet I know his most Christian Majesty has more powerful Motives suggested to him by his own Devotion, and your Reverences Zeal for Gods glory, to engage him to afford us the best help he can in our present Circumstances; but we are a little unhappy in this, that we cannot press
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his Majesties present Minister here upon these latter Arguments, which are most strong, but onely upon the first; Monsieur Rovigney's sense and ours differing very much upon these, though we agree perfectly upon the rest: And indeed, though he be a very able man as to his Masters service, in things where Religion is not concern'd, yet I believe it were much more happy, considering the Post he is in, that his Temper were of such a sort that we might deal clearly with him throughout, and not be forced to stop short in a discourse of Consequence, and leave the most material part out, because we know it will shock his particular opinion, and so perhaps meet with dislike and opposition, though never so necessary to the main Concern.

I am afraid we shall finde too much reason for this Complaint this next Sessions of Parliament: for had we one here for his Christian Majesty who had taken the whole Business to heart, and who would have represented the state of our Case truly as it is, to his Master, I do not doubt but his C. M. would have engaged himself further in the Affair than at present I fear he hath done, and by his approbation have given such Counsels as have been offered his R. H. by those few Catholicks who have access to him, and are bent to serve him, and advance the Catholick Religion with all their might, more Credit with his R. H. than I fear they have found, and have assisted him also with his Purse as far as 100000 Crowns, or some such sum, which to him is very inconsiderable; but would have been to them of greater use than can be imagined, towards gaining others to help him, or at least not to oppose. If we had been so happy as to have had his most C. M. with us to this degree, I would have answered with my life for such success this next Sessions, as would have put the Catholick Religion, his R. H. and his most Christian Majesty out of all danger for time to come. But wanting
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those hopes of recommending those necessary Counsels which have been given his R. H. in such a manner as to make him think them worthy of his accepting, and fit to govern himself by; and of those advantages which a little money well managed would certainly have gained us, I am afraid we shall not be much better at the end of this Session, than we are now: I pray God we do not loose ground. By my next, which shall be ere long, I shall be able to tell your Reverence more particularly what we are like to expect. In the meantime I most humbly beg your holy Prayers for all our Undertakings, and that you will please to honour me so far, as to esteem what I am entirely, and without reserve,

Most Reverend Father,

Your Reverences most humble,
and most obedient Servant.

SIR,

THE Letter which you gave your self the trouble to write to me, came to my hands but the last night: I receiv'd it with great satisfaction; and I assure you that its length did not make it seem tedious.

I shall be glad on my part to assist in seconding your good Intentions: I will consider of the means to effect it, and when I am better informed than I am as yet, I will give you an account; to that end I may hold Intelligence with you, as you did with my Predecessor. Sir, I desire you to believe that I will never fail, as to good will, for the service of your Master, whom I honour as much as he deserves; and that it is with great truth that I am

Your most humble,
and most obedient Servant,

D. L. G.
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Resolved nemine contradicente,

That upon the Evidence that has already appeared to this House, this House is of opinion, that there is and hath been a damnable and hellish Plot, contrived and carried on by Popish Recusants, for assassinating and murdering the King, for subverting the Government, and rooting out and destroying the Protestant Religion.

Ordered,

That this Vote be communicated to this Lords at a Conference, and that the Lords be desired to joyn with this House in providing Remedies for preservation of his Majesties Person and Government, and the Protestant Religion ; and it is referred to

Sir *Tho. Meers,*

Sir *Tho. Litteton,*

Sir *John Trevor,*

Sir *Nich. Carey,*

Mr. *Powle,*

Sir *Jo. Ernley,*

Sir *Tho. Clergis,*

Mr. *Williams,*

Sir *Fran. Russell,*

Sir *Tho. Lee,*

Sir *Eliab Harvey,*

Mr. *Hopkins,*

Sir *William Hickman,*

Sir *Geo. Downing,*

Sir *Rob. Sawyer,*

Sir *Edw. Deering,*

Mr. *Zacheverill,*

Lord *Russell,*

Mr. *Secr. Williamson,*

Sir *Cha. Harbord,*

Sir *Hen. Capell,*

Sir *Rob. Thomas,*

Lord *Cavendish,*

Sir *John Coventry,*

Serj. *Maynard,*

Sir *Jo. Hanmer,*

Sir *Christoph. Musgrave,*

or any five of them, to prepare and draw up Reasons upon the Debate of the House ; and are to meet this Afternoon, in the Speakers Chamber, at three of the Clock.

A Complaint being made of a breach of Priviledge committed against my Lord *Scudamore* a Member of this House, by *Tho. Rogers* a Barber, *James Syddall* an Attor-

Attorney, and one *Howells* a Serjeant at *Mace-hall* of the City of *Hereford*, in arresting and detaining of *Richard Weale*, the menial Servant of my Lord *Scudamore*, during the Priviledge of Parliament.

Ordered,

That the said *Rogers*, *Syddall*, and *Howells*, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, for their breach of Priviledge committed against my Lord *Scudamore*, in arresting and detaining *Rich. Weale* his menial Servant.

A Petition of *Edward Kinaston* Esq; complaining of an undue Return of *Sir Richard Corbet* to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Shrewsbury*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Ordered,

That if any other of *Mr. Coleman's* Papers be brought, they be transmitted to the Committee appointed to examine the same; and they are to take care that such of them as are written in French, be forthwith translated.

Ordered,

That <i>Mr. Hyde,</i>	<i>Sir Rob. Southwell,</i>
<i>Sir Will. Beecher,</i>	<i>Sir Tho. Lee,</i>
<i>Mr. Onslow,</i>	<i>Sir Tho. Doleman,</i>
<i>Sir Jo. Knight,</i>	<i>Sir Eliab Harvey,</i>

be added to the Committee appointed to search *Mr. Richard Langborne's* Chamber.

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Veneris 1^o die Movembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare the matter to be delivered at the Conference to be had with the Lords, do withdraw and finish their Report.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to desire his Majesty that the Orders that he has given that the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* and parts adjacent, may, during the sitting of Parliament, be guarded and secured by the Militia, be put in execution.

Sir *John Knight* reports from the Committee appointed to examine and translate Mr. *Coleman's* Papers, That the Committee had taken several of the Papers into examination, and translated such of them as were written in French; and that the Committee had ordered him to report the same: And the Papers being by him delivered to Mr. Speaker, several of them were by Mr. Speaker read to the House.

Sir *Robert Sawyer* reports from the Committee appointed to consider and prepare matter to be offered at the Conference to be had with the Lords, a Report agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same was twice read, and upon the Question agreed, and is as follows.

The House of Commons, after examination of several Persons and Papers, many of which Papers his Majesty did acquaint the House had been communicated to your Lordships, and deliberate consideration had thereupon, came to this unanimous Resolution,

Resolved nemine contradicente,

That upon the Evidence that has already appeared to this House, this House is of Opinion, that there has been, and still is, a damnable and hellish Plot, contrived and carried on by the Popish Recusants, for assassinating and murdering the King, subverting the Government, and rooting out and destroying the Protestant Religion,

The House of Commons being very sensible of the eminent danger both the King and Kingdom are in, do think it their Duty to acquaint your Lordships therewith; and do pray your Lordships would be pleased to take into your serious and speedy consideration, what Remedies are fit and suitable to be applied for preserving the Kings Person, and preventing the alteration of Religion and Government: and the Commons shall readily concur to such Remedies as shall be proposed for effecting this great End.

Ordered,

That a Conference be desired with the Lords about matters of great importance, relating to the preservation of his Majesties Person, the Protestant Religion, and safety of the Government.

And then the House adjourned till four of the clock in the afternoon.

*Post Meridiem.**Ordered,*

That Sir *Henry Capell* do go up to the Lords to desire a Conference about matters of great importance, relating to the preservation of his Majesties Person, the Protestant Religion, and safety of the Government.

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Sir Henry Capell acquaints the House, that the Lords had agreed to a present Conference in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered,

That the Members who were appointed to prepare the matter of the Conference, do attend and manage the Conference ; which they accordingly did.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Causes of the late noises of Knocking that have been heard in the night in the *Old Palace-yard* or thereabouts, and to search the houses near the two Houses of Parliament, and in the *Old Palace-yard* ; and to examine and return in the Names of such Paupers as inhabit near the two Houses of Parliament : And it is referred to

Col. Birch,
Col. Titus,
Mr. Hampden,
Mr. Hopkins,
Sir Christoph. Musgrave,
Sir Jo. Holmes,
Mr. Price,
Col. Strode,
Mr. Powle,
Sir Tho. Stringer,
Sir Cha. Harbord,
Sir Henry Capell,
Sir Rich. Ingoldsby,
Sir Tho. Lee,
Sir Gilb. Gerrard,
Sir Rob. Dillington,

Mr. May,
Sir Edmund Windham,
Mr. Crouch,
Lord Allington,
Sir Courtney Poole,
Mr. Paston,
Sir Edward Harlow,
Sir Edmund Jennings,
Sir Trevor Williams,
Sir Edward Deering,
Sir Gilb. Talbot,
Sir Anth. Dean,
Mr. Cheney,
Mr. Bocklane,
Sir John Knight,
or any three of them.

A Message from the Lords by Sir Edward Loe and Sir John Franklyn.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House, in the painted Chamber, upon the subject-matter of the last.

The Messenger being withdrawn,

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

The Messengers being called in, Mr. Speaker acquaints them that the House had agreed to a present Conference.

Ordered,

That the Members who did manage the former Conference, do attend this.

Sir Tho. Meeres reports from the Conference had with the Lords, That my Lord Chancellor managed the Conference ; and that what was delivered was as follows.

THE Lords have considered the Vote of the House of Commons communicated to them at the Conference, and have most readily and unanimously concurred with them in it, *nemine contradicente* ; and their Lordships are very glad to see that zeal which the Commons have shewed upon this occasion, and do fully concur with them, That the most speedy and serious Considerations of both Houses are necessary for prevention of the eminent dangers : in order whereunto, their Lordships have resolved to sit *de die in diem* forenoon and afternoon, and desire that the House of Commons would do so : And when their Lordships shall have well considered of fit and proper Remedies for these Dangers, they will be ready to communicate them to the House of Commons ; and will also take in good part whatever shall be communicated to them by the House of Commons ; and will suffer nothing to be wanting on their parts which may preserve a good
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Correspondence between the two Houses, which is absolutely necessary to the Safety of the King and Kingdom.

Resolved,

That this House will sit *de die in diem* forenoon and afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. Coleman be again examined by the former Committee, and that Sir Thomas Stringer and Mr. Booth be added to the Committee; and they are to make use of Mr. Coleman's Clerk as they shall think meet.

Resolved,

That this House will proceed by way of Impeachment against the Lord Arundel of Wardor.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare and draw up Articles of Impeachment against the Lord Arundel of Wardor: And it is referred to

Mr. Williams,

Mr. Serj. Maynard,

Sir Jo. Holland,

Sir Tho. Meeres,

Mr. Powle,

Sir Jo. Trevor,

Serj. Seis,

Sir Trevor Williams,

Mr. Solicitor-General,

Mr. Zacheverill,

Mr. Harbord,

or any five of them, to prepare and draw up the Articles of Impeachment.

The House being acquainted that upon the examination of Mr. Coleman's Clerk, there was an Information that a Book containing several Letters of Mr. Coleman's was seiz'd with his Writings, and that there were several Letters of Mr. Coleman's received since the first discovery of by himself or his Agents,

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee appointed to

examine Mr. *Coleman's* Papers, to make a further Examination touching the book of Letters mentioned to be taken away when Mr. *Coleman's* Papers were seized; and that there be a further Examination made by the said Committee touching the Letters sent to Mr. *Coleman* by the Post; and that the Master of the Post-Office, and other Officers relating thereto, do attend the said Committee, and give an account concerning the same.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* informs the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House of this day, he had attended his Majesty, and acquainted him with the desire of this House, That his Majesties Orders for guarding the Suburbs by the Militia may be put in execution; his Majesty was pleased to return answer, That he would give effectual Orders that the Guards of the Militia shall be set accordingly.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Sabbati 2^o die Novembris, 1678.

Resolved,

That an Address be presented to his Majesty, to desire his Majesty to issue out his Proclamation, declaring that *Conyers, Symonds, Beddingfield, and Cataway* are guilty of Traiterous practices; and requiring them to render themselves by a short day; and to make it penal for any person to conceal them, with a promise of Reward to such as shall apprehend them. And likewise to desire his Majesty, that he will be pleased to give Orders for a more effectual way for disarming Popish Recusants; and that Direction may be sent to the

the Sea-ports for apprehending all suspicious persons either going out or coming in : And it is referred to

Sir Robert Sawyer,	Mr. Powle,
Sir Jo. Trevor,	Sir Cyril Wych,
Sir Tho. Meeres,	Mr. Williams,
Serj. Maynard,	Sir Tho. Stringer,
Sir Rob. Howard,	Sir Tho. Clergen,
Mr. Zacheverill,	Mr. Solicitor-General,
Mr. Swinfen,	or any three of them,

to prepare the said Address.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Council do forthwith attend with Mr. Harcourt's Papers ; and that all other Papers relating to the Plot, either in the hands of the Secretary of State, or Clerks of the Council, be communicated to this House, according to the leave given by his Majesty.

A Message from the Lords, by Sir William Beversham and Sir Samuel Clerke.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House, in the painted Chamber, about matters of Consequence necessary for this House to know.

The Messengers being withdrawn,

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

The Messengers being called in, Mr. Speaker acquaints them, that this House had agreed to a present Conference.

Ordered,

That the Members who did manage the last Conference, do attend and manage this Conference.

Sir Robert Sawyer reports from the Conference had

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with the Lords, That the Lord Privy-Seal managed the same ; and that this Conference was to acquaint the House, That the Lords had this morning receiv'd Information at the Bar of their House from the Surveyor of his Majesties Works,

That the Roof of this House was so rotten and decayed, that it was in danger, upon any great storm, to fall ; and that the Lords had resolved to address his Majesty by the Lords of the White-staff, to desire his Majesty that he would be pleased to give Order that the Court of Requests, may be fitted for this House to sit in whilst the Roof was repaired.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty representing the ruinous condition of the Roof and Buildings of this House ; and to desire his Majesty, that he will be pleased to give Order that there may be some other place of more safety provided for this House to sit in.

Resolved,

That the Thanks of this House be given to the Lords for their great kindness in acquainting them with the danger they are under from the ruinous condition of the Roof, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker be desired to repair to *Newgate*, and examine Mr. *Coleman*.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do address his Majesty from this House, and humbly desire his Majesties Pardon to Mr. *Coleman*, in case he shall make such a full discovery of the Plot now under Examination, as shall be satisfactory ; which if he shall not do, that then no Pardon or Reprieve may be granted to him.

And then the House adjourned
till four of the clock in the
Afternoon.

Post

Post Meridiem.

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, that he had, in pursuance of the Order of the House, attended his Majesty, and that his Majesty was pleased to signify his pleasure, (that relying very much on the Duty and Loyalty of this House, which hath been so often testified by expressing their great care for preserving his Person and supporting his Government,) That this House may assure Mr. *Coleman* of his Majesties Pardon, in case he shall make such a Discovery as shall be satisfactory; but in case he shall not, that then no Pardon or Reprieve shall be granted to him.

A Petition of *Tho. Reynell Esq.* complaining of an undue Return of *Rawlyn Mallack* and *William Stawell Esquires* to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Ashberton* in the County of *Devon*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter, and report the same to the House.

Two Letters found amongst Mr. *Harcourt's* Papers, one dated 23 Feb. 1677. and signed E. P. the other dated 5 Feb. 1677. were read to the House.

Ordered,

That the said two Letters be entred in the Journal, and then returned to Sir *Thomas Doleman*, to be by him kept till such time as this House shall demand the same of him: which Letters are as follow, viz.

February

February 23. 1677.

Honoured dear Sir,

I Have but time to convey these following particulars to you. First, I am to give you notice that it hath seemed fitting to our Mr. Consult Provincial, &c. to fix the 21th day of April next, Stylo vet. for the meeting at London of our Congregation; on which day all those that have right of Suffrage, are to be present there, that they be ready to give a beginning to the same on the 24th, which is the next day after St. George's day. You are warned to have jus Suffragii: and therefore if your occasions should not permit you to be present, you are to signifie as much, to the end others in the ranks be ordered to supply your absence. Every one is minded also not to hasten to London long before the time appointed, nor to appear much in Town till the Meeting be over, lest an occasion should be given to suspect the Designe. Finally, Secrecy, as to the time and place, is much recommended to all those that receive Summons, as it will appear of its own nature necessary. 3° Pro Domino Solono de facto Benefacto Bow Lininis.

I am so streightened for time, that I can onely assure you I shall be much glad of obliging you any ways.

Sir,

Your Servant,

E. P.

Pray my Service where due, &c.

SUPERSCRIBED,

These for his honoured Friend, Mr. William
Tonstall, at ----- Burton.

Hilton.

Hilton, 5^o Feb. 1674.

Worthy Sir,

I Know not from whence it proceeds, but I perceive both your Letters and mine have bad fortune by the way for my Correspondents, which you complain they hear not from me, whereas I writ constantly every Post; and since the Bills I receiv'd from your self for Sir William Goreing, and from Mr. Ireland for Mr. Shelley, I have not had one Letter but what I receiv'd this week, which in part made a recompence for the former; for it brought me three of yours, and one of Mr. Ireland's: for which I render you many humble thanks, and acknowledge the 15 l. from my Lord Castlemaine, though Mr. Ireland makes no mention of it in his. We are all here very glad at the promotion of Mr. Thomas Harcourt. When I writ that the Patents were sent, (though I guess'd for who they were) yet I know not for certain, because our Patrons do not use to discover their Resolutions till they know that they have effect: And therefore in those kind of matters I dare not be hasty, lest some may say, A Fool's Bolt is soon shot. We are here in great hopes of a general Peace: for most are perswaded that the French will chuse rather to accept of an Ignominious Peace, than hazard their Crown, which is very probably thought they will do, if they expect that England joyns with the Confederates. If Peace be made, I shall happily have some News to write you from hence; for at present we have nothing. So I beg a charitable memory in your best thoughts.

Your most humble Servant,

Cha. Anderson.

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The Inclosed is from Lawrence Cossam, an Acquaintance I suppose of yours, who I hope will do very well. His Mother says she has paid you for his viaticum of Return; I should be glad to hear it from you,

These Letters were accordingly delivered back to Sir Tho. Doleman immediately.

Mr. Solicitor-General reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Majesty, an Address agreed upon by the Committee; and there being several Blanks left in the Address by the Committee,

Ordered,

That the said Address be recommitted to the former Committee, to consider of and amend the same.

And then the House adjourned till *Munday*-morning eight of the clock.

Luna 4^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. Speaker acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House, he had repaired to Mr. Coleman, and after he had shewed him the Order, and laid his Condition before him, he acquainted him with his Majesties gracious pleasure, and that this was the last time that any offer of Pardon would be made to him. Mr. Coleman told him he was very sensible of the miserableness of his Condition, for that he knew there was enough already known to take away his life, but that he did not know

know enough to save it : That he had already discovered all his knowledge of the Plot. That he shewed Mr. Coleman the two Letters, and that Mr. Coleman told him what Cyphers, to the best of his memory, did belong to them, and how they were to be made use of.

That there passed several other matters in discourse, the effect whereof Mr. Speaker declared to the House.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to the reading some other of Mr. Coleman's Papers.

A Debate arising in the House for an Address to be presented to his Majesty, that his Royal Highness may withdraw himself from his Majesties Person and Councils ;

Ordered,

That the Debate be adjourned till *Friday-morning* next.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
nine of the clock.

Martis 5^o die Novembris, 1678.

THE House being met in order to go to Church
at *St. Margarets Westminster,*

Adjourned till to morrow-
morning nine of the clock.

Mercurii 6^o die Novembris, 1678.

A Petition of *Ralph Mountague Esq;* complaining
of an undue Return made by the Sheriff of the
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County of *Northampton*, of Sir *William Temple* Baronet, to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Northampton*, in injury of the Petitioner, was read.

Ordered,

That the matter of the Return be examined at the Bar of this House on *Munday* next, and that the High-Sheriff and Under-Sheriff for the County of *Northampton*, and the Mayor of the said Burrough, do then attend; and the Clerk of the Crown do likewise attend with the Return.

A Petition of *John Dean* Esq; complaining of an undue Return of *Charles West* Esq; to serve for the Burrough of *Andover* in the County of *Southampton*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, &c. was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to examine the matter, &c.

Ordered,

That the Thanks of this House be returned to Dr. *Tillotson* for his excellent Sermon yesterday preached before the House at *St. Margarets Westminster*, and that he be desired to print his Sermon.

Ordered,

That the two Letters sent by *St. Germaine* to Mr. *Coleman*, the one directed under the name of *Lepine*, the other under the name of *Katherine Burghill*, which are undecyphered, be delivered to the Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Coleman's* Papers, to the end the same may be translated and decyphered by the said Committee.

Ordered,

That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to desire his Majesty that Mr. *Coleman's* Letter

to Monsieur *la Chaise* of the 29th of September, 1675, and his following Letter owning the sending of the same, and Monsieur *la Chaise's* Letter acknowledging the receipt of Mr. *Coleman's* long Letter, may be printed and published: And it is referred to

Mr. *Zacheverill*,
Sir *Tho. Clergis*,
Mr. *Powle*,
Sir *Gilb. Gerrard*,
Col. *Birch*,
Sir *Tho. Meeres*,
Sir *Eliab Harvey*,
Sir *Jo. Ernley*,

Sir *Tho. Higgins*,
Mr. *Hampden*,
Sir *Tho. Littleton*,
Sir *William Hickman*,
Sir *Jo. Coventry*,
Mr. *Hall*,
Sir *Jo. Birkenhead*,

or any three of them :

And they are to meet at three of the clock this Afternoon, in the Speakers Chamber, to prepare the said Address.

Ordered,

That Sir *Henry Capell*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Boscawen*, and Mr. *Gwyn*, do forthwith repair to Mr. *Coleman*, and examine him touching the disposing of the money which he receiv'd from the French Embassador, or any other money; and to ask him such other Questions upon the Debate of the House, as they shall think meet; and to take his Examination under his hand.

A Complaint being made to the House of a material mistake in that part of the Translation of the Gazette into French which has reference to his Majesties Proclamation for removing Papists,

Ordered,

That Monsieur *Moranville*, who translates the Gazettes into French, and Mr. *Nescomb* the Printer, be summoned to attend this House to morrow-morning.

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The House being informed that there is a Trunk of Papers and a Pacquet seiz'd, and left with one Justice Chamberlain, and that they are supposed to be Papers which belonged to Mr. Coleman,

Ordered,

That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee appointed to examine Mr. Coleman's Papers; and that Justice Chamberlain, and all other persons concern'd, do attend the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Jovis 7^o die Novembris, 1678.

A Petition of *Charles Rawleigh* Esq; complaining of an undue Return of *Maurice Bocklane* to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Dornion* in the County of *Wilts*, in injury of the Petitioner, who was duely elected, and ought to have been returned, was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to examine the matter, and report the same to the House.

A Complaint being made of a breach of Priviledge committed against Mr. *Palmes* a Member of this House, by *Thomas Dean* and *John Blakestone* of *Old Malton* in the County of *York*, in proceeding to a Tryal at Law this last Assizes, in a Cause wherein the Interest of Mr. *Palmes* was concerned, notwithstanding they had notice that Mr. *Palmes* was a Member of Parliament, and insisted upon his priviledge;

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Ordered,

That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, to examine the matter of the said Complaint, and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House; and that all further proceedings at Law be stayed till the matter be heard; and that Summons be sent to *Mr. Blakeston* and *Mr. Deane*, to attend the said Committee; and that notice of this Order be given to their Attorney at Law and other persons concerned therein.

Sir Henry Capell reports, that the Committee appointed to examine *Mr. Coleman*, did, in pursuance of the Order, repair to him, and examined him upon several matters, and had reduced his Examination into writing, and that *Mr. Coleman* had himself signed it; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; which is as followeth.

M*R. Coleman* says, That he receiv'd of *Monfieur Rovigney* 300 *l.* and of *Monfieur Curtein* 360 *l.* for Intelligence given them of every days proceedings in Parliament; and that *Monfieur Rovigney* encouraged him to keep a good house, and that as well out of Parliament-time as during the Sessions, that it might not be suspected.

That he receiv'd the last Sessions of *Monfieur Barillon* 2500 *l.* which he intrusted him with to distribute to Members of the House of Commons, to prevent a Rupture between the two Crowns; and that accordingly he had prepared Guineys to distribute amongst them: but that he gave none to any Member of Parliament, but applied them to his own use; and excused it to his own conscience, that he did so, because he thought he was as much out of Purse upon the French account in his way of living. That the French Embassador demanded an account of the 2500 *l.* and he replied, he

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had distributed it to the Members of the House of Commons ; but desired to be excused as to their Names. That about the time of the Treaty with Monsieur *Barillon*, upon this occasion, Monsieur *Barillon* proposed several Members to whom this money might be given : That to some of them the said Mr. *Coleman* promised to give it, and told Monsieur *Barillon* he had done accordingly.

That about the end of the last Sessions he receiv'd more of Monsieur *Barillon* 360 l. upon account of Intelligence of proceedings in Parliament.

That Monsieur *Rovigney*, believing that on the side of the Confederates means were used to inflame the Parliament against *France*, did therefore encourage Mr. *Coleman* to pursue a Correspondence with Parliament-men, to prevent their endeavours. That to his best remembrance, about Decemb. 1677, he thinks he might, in his Correspondence with St. *Germaine*, treat about procuring a sum of Crowns (the certain sum he remembers not) for preventing a Rupture with *France*, which he foresaw the Match with the Prince of *Orange* might occasion.

That he receiv'd none of that money, nor remembers that before that time there was any Treaty between him and St. *Germaine* , in relation to his receiving any sum of Crowns.

That (to his remembrance) he entred no forraign Letters in his Book other than common News, when the Correspondence between him and Monsieur *la Chaise* ceased ; which was at least two years ago.

That he was by the first Contract to receive 30000 l. for procuring a Security for the Bankers debt, first by Patent, then by Act of Parliament ; the one half to be paid at passing the Patent, the other half at passing the Act. That afterwards this was reduced by a second Contract to 7000 l. in Silver, and 5000 Guineys :
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That of this he has receiv'd about the moiety of the 7000 *l.* in silver, and no more, nor any credit or security for more, though by the second Contract he was to have receiv'd not onely half the 7000 *l.* in silver, but also 5000 Guineys at passing the Patent.

That this Contract was onely verbal, made between himself, Sir Rob. Vynor, Alderman Backwell, and Mr. Whitehall.
Edw. Coleman.

Mr. Powle reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Majesty, to desire his Majesty that two Letters of Mr. Coleman's, and one of Monsieur *la Chaise's*, may be printed, That the Committee had agreed upon an Address; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same was twice read, and with an Amendment made at the Table, upon the Question agreed.

Resolved,

That the Address be written over fair, and a Blank left for the Concurrence of the Lords: which Address is as follows, viz.

WE your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects,
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Commons in this present Parliament assembled, considering how restless the Endeavours of Priests, Jesuits, and other Popish Recusants, have always been to pervert your loyal Subjects, and to reduce this Kingdom again under the bondage of Popish Superstition; and seeing how that notwithstanding your Majesties goodness and clemency, they have for several years carried on a most wicked Designe for the utter Extirpation of the Protestant Religion and the Government established; and since We finde it necessary to proceed against them with greater severity than hath hitherto been used, We do humbly conceive that the best way to satisfy the minds of your Subjects,

jects, and to stop the mouths of your Adversaries the Papists, whose daily practice is to raise Scandals upon your Majesties Person, and to defame the Protestant Religion, and those that profess the same, will be to cause some undeniable Evidences of their Transactions here, and Correspondences abroad, to be divulged. We do therefore most humbly desire that your Majesty would be pleased to order, That Mr. Coleman's Letter to Monsieur la Chaise, the French King's Confessor, dated 29 Sept. 1675. wherein much of the said matter is contained, as also another Letter of Mr. Coleman's to the same person, wherein he owns the sending of the said Letter, and Monsieur la Chaise's Answer, whereby he acknowledges the receipt thereof, may be speedily printed and published, for the present satisfaction of your Majesties Protestant Subjects, until a further Narrative of the particulars relating to this horrid Conspiracy may be publicly set forth.

Ordered,

That Mr. Powle do carry up the Address to the Lords, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Newcomb being called in to give an account concerning the Translation of the Gazette into French, informed the House, That he was onely concerned in fitting the Press, and that he understood not the French Tongue; and that Monsieur Moranville had been employed in that Affair for many years, and was the onely Corrector of it.

Monsieur Moranville being also called in, acknowledged himself guilty of the Mistake, but endeavoured to excuse it, alleadging that it was through Inanimadvertency.

Ordered,

That Monsieur Moranville be committed to the custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do search Monsieur Moranville.

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Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to search Monsieur *Moranvile's* house or lodgings : And it is referred to

Mr. *Progers,*

Col. *Birch,*

Sir *Gilb. Gerrard,*

Mr. *Weld,*

Sir *Jo. Knight,*

Sir *Fran. Drake,*

or any three of them.

Monsieur *Moranvile* being search'd by the Serjeant, and several Papers written in French being found about him, and by the Serjeant delivered in,

Resolved, &c.

That the said Papers be referred to the consideration of the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Coleman's* Papers, to translate the same, and report them to the House.

Ordered,

That it be referred to a Committee further to examine the matter concerning the translating, printing, and publishing the French Gazette ; and they are to take the particulars of the Examinations, in order to the forming an Accusation at the Bar of the House of Lords : And it is referred to

Serj. *Seis,*

Mr. *Williams,*

Sir *Jos. Tredinham,*

Mr. Solicitor-General,

Mr. *Zacheverill,*

Col. *Titus,*

or any three of them ; and they are to meet at three of the clock in the afternoon, in the Speakers Chamber : And it is recommended to the care of Serjeant *Seis.*

Ordered,

That such Letters amongst Mr. *Coleman's* Papers as are written with Lemon or Vinegar between the lines, be fairly transcribed.

Ordered,

That five be the Quorum of the Committee appointed to examine concerning the Murther of Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey; and that

Sir Edw. Harlow,

Sir Trevor Williams,

Sir Fran. Russell,

Sir Rob. Barkley,

Sir Fran. Drake,

Col. Birch,

Mr. Whorwood, and

Sir John Morton,

be added to the Committee.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

Veneris 8^o die Novembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for electing a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Dunwich* in the County of *Suffolk*.

Mr. Solicitor-General reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Majesty for issuing out his Proclamation for apprehending of *Geo. Conyers* and others, and for a more effectual way of disarming Popish Recusants, That the Committee had agreed upon an Address; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same was twice read, and with some Amendments made at the Table, upon the Question agreed, is as followeth, *viz.*

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Your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects the
 and Commons in Parliament assembled, do humbly beseech
 your most sacred Majesty to issue out your Royal Proclama-
 tion, That certain persons called George Conyers,
 Symonds, Thomas Beddingfield, and John Cataway,
 who stand charged as persons guilty of the damnable and
 bellish Plot for the destruction of your Majesties Person, sub-
 version of the Government, and extirpation of the Protestant
 Religion, and are fled from Justice that they cannot be pro-
 ceeded against according to Law; Do, by a day certain af-
 ter the Proclamation thereof, render themselves to some one
 or more of your Majesties Justices of the Peace, who are
 thereupon to commit the Party so rendering themselves to
 your Majesties Gaol of the County where they shall so ren-
 der themselves, there to remain in safe custody, and to give
 present notice thereof to the Lord Chief Justice of your Ma-
 jesties Court of Kings-bench, in order to their receiving their
 legal Tryal. Willing and commanding therein all Lieute-
 nants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs,
 Constables, and all other your Majesties Officers and loyal
 Subjects, to do their utmost endeavours for apprehending
 the said persons, and for their imprisonment and safe custo-
 dy. And that it be inserted in the said Proclamation, That
 the Constables, Church-wardens, Headboroughs, Tything-
 men, Borseholders, and other Parish-Officers within the
 Cities, Counties, and places of this your Majesties Realm,
 and the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Barwick upon
 Tweed, Do with all possible expedition make diligent search
 and enquiry in all houses within their respective Parishes,
 Hamlets, and Villages, and there take an exact account of
 the Names and Sir-names of all such persons as are Popish
 Recusants; or so reputed, as well Householders, as Lodgers
 and Servants; and to make a present List of the Names
 and Sir-names, Age and Quality of such persons, being of

the age of Sixteen or upwards, and to deliver the same forthwith to one of the Justices of the Peace near adjoining, to send for the said persons so listed, and tender them the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy: And in case of Refusal, to enter into Recognizance to appear at the next Sessions of the Peace for such City, County, or Liberty; and in defect of entering into such Recognizance, to commit them to the Common Gaol, there to remain in safe custody till the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace; and then all such persons so refusing, to be proceeded against according to Law. And that special Commissions may be forthwith issued under the great Seal of England, authorizing the respective Justices of the Peace, or any two or more of them, to administer the said Oaths. And that all the said Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, in their several Jurisdictions, do proceed, without delay, to disarm all such persons as shall so refuse to take the said Oaths. And for the better effecting thereof, and bringing to Justice the aforesaid Offenders, That your Majesty would be pleased to declare, That a Reward shall be given to such person as shall discover the Arms of Popish Recusants, or persons so reputed, and shall apprehend and bring before any Justice of the Peace any of the said Offenders. And further, That all your Majesties Officers belonging to any Sea-ports, may be enjoined to take special care for apprehending all Popish Priests, and other persons who they shall finde cause to suspect, coming into or going out of this Realm; and to carry every such person before some Justice of the Peace, who shall be required to tender them the said Oaths; and upon refusal, to commit the person so refusing to the proper Prison, and to certifie their Proceedings therein to your Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, from time to time, that such further courses may be taken for the Safety of your Majesty and the Government, as in your Majesties wisdom shall be thought fit.

Resolved,

That the Lords Concurrence be desired to the said Address, and that Mr. Solicitor-General do go up to the Lords to desire the same.

Resolved,

That a List of the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties in *England* and *Wales*, be brought in by the Clerk of the Crown; as likewise of such persons as have been put out of Commission of the Peace within seven years last past.

The House being informed that Col. *Macharta*, Mr. *Lofias*, and several other Popish Recusants, were walking in *Westminster-hall* and the Court of Requests, notwithstanding his Majesties Proclamation,

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do immediately take into his custody Mr. *Macharta*, Mr. *Lofias*, and such other Popish Recusants as he shall finde walking either in the Court of Requests, *Westminster-hall*, or the places adjacent.

The Serjeant at Arms having taken into custody Mr. *Macharta*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Macharta* be called in and examined at the Bar of this House. And Mr. *Macharta* being examined and withdrawn,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Macharta* be called in again, and that Mr. Speaker do acquaint him that this House expects he should immediately yield obedience to his Majesties Proclamation, and withdraw.

And Mr. *Macharta* being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith accordingly.

Ordered,

That the Debate for an Address to be presented to his Majesty, that his R. H. may withdraw himself from
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his Majesties Person and Council, which was adjourned till this day, be adjourned over till *Tuesday*-morning next, ten of the clock.

Resolved, &c.

That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty by such Members of this House as are of his Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, to desire his Majesty that there may be a particular Prayer or Prayers composed for the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, relating to the Plot and Conspiracy contrived and carried on by the Papists against his Majesties Person and Government.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow-morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbati 9^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. Secretary *Coventry* informs the House, that his Majesty having been made acquainted that there is an Address depending before the House of Lords to be presented to his Majesty for the printing of Mr. *Coleman's* two Letters to Monsieur *la Chaise*, and his Answer, and that those Letters have not as yet been read in the House of Lords, It was his Majesties pleasure (if this House had done with the Letters) That the same should be returned, to the end they may be communicated to the Lords.

Resolved,

That the said Letters be delivered back to the Clerk of the Council.

A Message from the King by Sir *Edw. Carteret*, Usher of the Black-rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable House to attend him immediately in the House of Lords.

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And accordingly Mr. Speaker went up to attend his Majesty.

The House being return'd, Mr. Speaker reports, That he had attended his Majesty, who was pleased to make use of his Paper; and that it was so full of Grace, and such Expressions of Favour in it, that he was unwilling one syllable should be lost; and he hath therefore procured a Copy of it; which he read to the House, and is as followeth.

Mr Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am so very sensible of the great and extraordinary Care you have already taken, and still continue to shew, for the safety of my Person in these times of danger, that I could not satisfie my self without coming hither on purpose to give you all my most hearty thanks for it.

Nor do I think it enough to give you my Thanks onely, but I hold my self obliged to let you see withal, that I do as much study your preservation too as I can possible, and that I am as ready to joyn with you in all the ways and means that may establish a firm Security of the Protestant Religion, as your own hearts can wish. And this not only during my time. (of which I'm sure you have no fear) but in all future Ages, even to the end of the world.

And therefore I am come to assure you, that whatsoever reasonable Bills you shall present to be past into Laws to make you safe in the Reign of any Successor (so as they tend not to
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impeach the right of Succession, nor the dissent of the Crown in the true Line; and so as they restrain not my Power, nor the just Rights of any Protestant Successor,) shall finde from me a ready Concurrence.

And I desire you withal, to think of some more effectual means for the conviction of Popish Recusants, and to expedite your Counsels as fast as you can, that the world may see Our Unanimity, and that I may have the opportunity of shewing you how ready I am to do any thing that may give comfort and satisfaction to such Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Resolved,

That the humble and hearty Thanks of this House be return'd his Majesty for his most gracious Speech this day made to both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved,

That this House will go in a Body to his Majesty to give him their Thanks.

Ordered,

That the Members of this House who are of his Majesties Privy-Council, be desired to know his Majesties pleasure when this House may attend him.

Resolved,

That the House will on *Munday*-morning next take his Majesties Speech into consideration.

The House being informed that several Papers belonging to one *Monsieur Tortereux* were seized,

Resolved, &c.

That a Committee be appointed to examine the same: And it is referred to

Sir Richard Everard,	Sir Jo. Knight,
Sir Tho. Stringer,	Col. Titus,
Mr. Wright,	Sir Tho. Clergis,
Mr. Powle,	Sir Trevor Williams,
Sir Tho. Meeres,	Sir Geo. Downing,
Sir William Hickman,	Col. Birch,
Serj. Gregory,	Sir Francis Russell,

or any three of them.

A Complaint being made that the Commissions for taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy are not issued forth pursuant to his Majesties Proclamation,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do this Afternoon attend with the said Commissions.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* acquaints the House, That in pursuance of the Order of the House, he had attended his Majesty to know his pleasure when this House may attend him with their Thanks; and that his Majesty had appointed three of the clock this Afternoon for this House to attend him in the Banqueting-house.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Andrew Hacket* and Sir *Samuel Clerke*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the last Address, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said Amendments.

The first Amendment being for filling up the Blank with the words [the Lords Spiritual and Temporal] was twice read, and upon the Question agreed.

The second Amendment, being to leave out *Thomas*
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Beddingfield, and to put in *Charles Walsh*, —
la Fare, and — *Pritchard*, was twice read, and
 upon the Question agreed.

Resolved,

That Sir *Joshua Tredinham* do go up to acquaint the
 Lords, that this House has agreed to the Amendments
 made by their Lordships to the said Address.

And then the House adjourned
 till three of the clock in the
 afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House being met, went to the Banqueting-
 house at *Whitehal*, to attend his Majesty; and being
 returned,

Mr. Speaker reports, That he had attended his Ma-
 jesty; and after he had given his Majesty the humble
 and hearty Thanks of this House, his Majesty was plea-
 sed to return this Answer.

Gentlemen,

*It shall always be my study to preserve the
 Protestant Religion, and to advance and sup-
 port the Interest of my People.*

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* acquaints the House, That
 his Majesty had been attended with the Address of this
 House for a particular Prayer to be composed for the
 Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, relating to the Plot,
 &c. and that his Majesty was pleased to signify his
 pleasure, that the same should be done; and that Or-
 ders were given to the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*
 accordingly.

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The Clerk of the Crown was then called in and examined touching the issuing forth the Commissions for administering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Resolved,

That a Conference be desired with the Lords concerning the not issuing Commissions for administering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, pursuant to his Majesties Proclamation.

Ordered,

That it be referred to

Mr. Zacheverill,

Mr. Powle,

Sir Tho. Meeres,

Sir Jo. Trevor,

Col. Titus,

Col. Birch,

Sir Henry Capell,

Sir Cha. Harbord,

Sir Tho. Lee,

Sir Francis Russell,

or any three of them, to prepare and draw up the matter to be offered at the said Conference.

Ordered,

That Mr. Waller do go up to the Lords to desire the Conference.

Mr. Waller acquaints the House, that the Lords had agreed to a Conference on *Munday*-morning next, in the Painted Chamber.

Resolved,

That Mr. Bedloe be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House at four of the clock in the afternoon to morrow.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow four of the clock in the afternoon.

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Die Dominico, 10^o Novembris, 1678.

Post Meridiem.

Resolved, &c.

THat an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, representing to his Majesty that his Majesties Commands (given upon the Address of this House) for composing a particular Prayer or Prayers to be used on *Wednesday* next, relating to the Plot and Conspiracy contrived and carried on by Popish Recusants against his Majesties Person and Government, and the Protestant Religion, have not as yet been obeyed, there being no mention therein made of the Papists, who are the Contrivers of this damnable and hellish Plot; and humbly to desire his Majesty to give effectual Orders that his Commands may be obeyed.

Mr. *Bedloe* being called to give an account concerning the murder of Sir *Edmund-bury Godfrey*, as also concerning the Plot; and his Information being in writing, he read the same to the House, and afterwards delivered the same to the House.

Ordered,

That the Papers now delivered in by Mr. *Bedloe*, containing his Information, be forthwith sealed up, and do so remain until further order.

And the said Papers were accordingly sealed up by Mr. Speaker, and delivered to the Clerk.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow - morning
eight of the clock.

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Lunæ 11^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. *Powle* reports from the Committee appointed to prepare the matter to be offered at the Conference to be had with the Lords concerning the not issuing, Commissions for administering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. That the Committee had agreed upon a report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and upon the question agreed, and is as followeth.

Upon Examination of the Clerk of the Crown, touching the neglect in issuing out Commissions to the Justices of the Peace, pursuant to His Majesties late Royal Proclamation, and the Address of both Houses for administering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to Popish Recusants and Persons so suspected, and the Clerk of the Crown having informed the House of Commons, That a draught of such Commissions was prepar'd by the Attorney General, and Ingrossed by the said Clerk of the Crown, and by him tendred last *Thursday* morning to be Sealed by the Lord Chancellor.

And that nevertheless the said Commissions neither then nor at any time since, to the time of his Examination, were or have been Sealed. And the House of Commons being very sensible of the great danger, that may ensue to His Majesty and this Kingdom by such delay, and his Lordship being a member of your House, have thought fit to represent it to your Lordships, desiring that your Lordships will speedily enquire into the reason of this great neglect and Contempt of His Majesties said Proclamation, and to do therein as to Justice shall appertain.

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The House then proceeded to the examination of the matter concerning the Return of *Northampton*.

The High Sheriff for the County of *Northampton*, and the Clerk of the Crown, were called in and examined, and the Writ with the Indenture to it delivered in.

The Mayor for the Burrough of *Northampton*, was likewise called in and examined, and delivered in an Indenture annexed to the Precept which he receiv'd from the Sheriff.

And upon examination of the matter, it appearing to the House, that the Precept from the Sheriff was directed to the Mayor and Justices for the Burrough of *Northampton*, and that the Indenture was annexed to the Precept which he receiv'd from the Sheriff.

And upon examination of the matter, it appearing to the House that the Precept from the Sheriff was directed to the Mayor and Justices, for the Burrough of *Northampton*, and that the Indenture annexed to the Writ (whereby *Sir William Temple* is returned to serve for the said Burrough) is not Signed by the Mayor, and the Seal of the Corporation fixed thereto, and that the same is annexed to the Precept from the Sheriff.

Resolved, &c. Nemine contradicente.

That the Indenture annexed to the Writ, whereby *Sir William Temple* is returned to serve as Burgeſs for the Burrough of *Northampton*, is not a sufficient return.

Resolved, &c. Nemine contradicente,

That the Indenture served by the Mayor of *Northampton*, and Sealed with the common Seal of the Corporation, and which is annexed to the Sheriffs Precept, whereby *Ralph Montague*, Esquire, is returned

ed to serve for the said Burrough, is a due rit
turn, and ought to be annexed to the said Writ.

Ordered,

That the Sheriff for the County of *Northampton* do
take off the Indenture annexed to the Writ, whereby
Sir William Temple is returned, and do receive the In-
denture annexed to the Precept, whereby *Mr. Moun-*
tague is returned, and do annex the same to the Writ.

And the Sheriff and the Clerk of the Crown, being
called in, the Sheriff did take off the Indenture, where-
by *Sir William Temple* is returned, from the Writ.

And *Mr. Speaker* acquainted him with the Order of
the House, that he should receive the Precept and In-
denture annexed thereto, whereby *Mr. Mountague* is
returned, and annex the same to the Writ.

And the Sheriff and the Clerk of the Crown being
withdrawn;

Ordered,

That *Mr. Neale*, High Sheriff for the County of
Northampton, be committed to the custody of the Ser-
jeant at Arms, attending this House.

The Members appointed to manage the Conference
with the Lords, did then attend and manage the same,
and being returned:

A Message from the Lords by *Sir Timothy Baldwin*
and *Sir Samuel Clerk*.

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded to acquaint you, That the Lords
of the Whitestaffe have attended His Majesty to know
His pleasure, when both Houses may attend Him with
the last Address of this House, and that His Majesty
has appointed this afternoo at thré of the Clok, for
both Houses to attend Him in the Banquetting House
at *White-Hall*.

A Message from the Lords by *Sir Timothy Baldwin*,
and *Sir Samuel Clerk*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with the House in the Painted Chamber upon the subject matter of the last Conference.

The Messengers being withdrawn.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to a present Conference.

Ordered,

That the Members, who did attend and manage the last Conference, do attend and manage this Conference.

Mr. *Powle* reports from the Conference had with the Lords, as followeth

We have attended the Lords, at the Conference which was managed by my Lord Chancellour, he delivered all by word of mouth, without the help of any Paper, and therefore I must crave pardon, if what I report be not exactly according to his words, tho, I hope, I shall not omit any material passage.

He begun with telling us, that the Lords are very well pleased with the representation made to them by the Commons, about the neglect in issuing out the Commissions for taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

That it was a Zeal well becoming the House of Commons not to suffer it to be defeated by any Person whatsoever.

That there was no time yet lost in this Business, for had the Commissions been sealed, yet till the Returns had been made by the several Constables, it would have been hard to have found out to whom the Oaths were to be applied, and that the Constables were still employed about that work, and had not yet made their Return.

That nevertheless, the Lords thought it not enough to shew the Commons that there was no negligence,

gence, but on the contrary all diligence had been used in the expediting these Commissions, and that therefore their Lordships had commanded him to acquaint Us with the whole Progress of these Commissions.

That it was true, that the Commissions had been drawn and perused by the Attorney General, and brought to the Seal and not Sealed, as the Clerk of the Crown had informed Us, but that it was great pity, that the Clerk of the Crown was not then in Court, that he might have acquainted Us with the whole truth of what passed at that time, as well as that part of the truth he had acquainted Us withal.

That it had been in debate in the House of Peers the day before, what Regulations and Limits should be inserted in the Commissions; for that their Lordships conceived it hard, that persons aged, infirm, and not able to go out of Town with safety of their Lives, should not be excepted from taking the Oaths. And this they thought was a severity beyond the intention of the Commons.

Their Lordships likewise observed, that there was a Prudential Power reserved in six Privy Counsellors (whereof the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, or Principal Secretary to be one) to grant Licenses, and they thought it reasonable, that persons so Licensed should be excepted, else the hardship would be greater on those that staid than those that went.

Their Lordships likewise thought that the Peers of this Realm, who are excepted by the Law from taking the Oath of Supremacy, were fit to be excepted out of this Commission. As also that Foreign Merchants and Aliens, being no Subjects, were not within the Law, and could not be thought dangerous, because they were such as did frequent the Exchange, and of whom my Lord Mayor might have

an Account, and deliver a List of them to the Council Table.

That the Lords thought fit that these exceptions should be inserted into the Commissions, that the Justices of Peace might see whom not to trouble, and thereupon their Lordships gave him directions to make such Exceptions.

That the Attorney General sitting in Court, when the Commissions were brought the next day to be Sealed, he advised the Officer that had the Seal to hold his hand, whereupon the Officer stepping to him, asked him what he should do, and he told him they must be altered.

That this morning, he had acquainted the Lords what just cause he had to complain of the great difficulty, that lay upon him, either by not obeying their Lordships, or disabling the whole Kingdome.

That he had brought before them Commissions for six Counties, which comprehend all the Counties within ten Miles of *London*, to which the Proclamation did extend, and he produced before them two Forms of a Commission: One a General Form, extending to all the other; a particular Form with all the aforesaid Exceptions, desiring their Resolutions in which of the said Formes their Lordships would have the said Commissions passed.

That the Lords thought the Exceptions most reasonable; yet, because their Lordships considered, that these Commissions had issued upon the Address of both Houses, and that therefore to make explanations by themselves, which had not been communicated to the Commons, might not agree with that good correspondence, which their Lordships should always endeavour to maintain between the two Houses.

Their Lordships gave him directions to pass the Commissions in the general Form, let the hardship light where it would, and they gave him leave to
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withdraw presently to seal the Commissions, which accordingly are all sealed.

He concluded with telling us,
And now Gentlemen you have your full Satisfaction.
Resolved, &c.

That a Message be sent to the Lords to remind them of a Bill, Entitled, *An Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, by disabling Papists to sit in either House of Parliament.* It being a Bill upon which the safety of the King and Kingdome, and the Protestant Religion do depend. And that Serjeant Maynard do go up with the Message.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Martis 12^o die Novembris, 1678.

Ordered, That

MR. Sacheverell. Collonel Birch, and
Serjeant Gregory. Sir Gilbert Gerrard.

Do go to Newgate and examine Mr. Atkins touching the Plot, and the death of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, and such other matters as they shall see fit.

Mr. Secretary Williamson acquaints the House, That he had attended his Majesty with the second Address of this House, touching a particular Prayer to be used on Wednesday next, and that his Majesty was pleased to give Orders, that the Prayer should be altered.

Mr. Speaker, acquaints the House, that he had attended His Majesty yesterday, with the Address of both Houses, and that my Lord Chancellor read the Address to the King, who was pleased to return this answer.

That he would take care that all that was desired should be done accordingly.

The House being informed that there were certain informations, taken by one Mr. Roe a Justice of Peace:

for the County of *Middlesex* touching a lighted match and combustible matters, which was found in the Stables of *Sir George Wakeman*.

Ordered,

That Justice *Roe* be forthwith summoned to attend this House, to give an accompt, touching the Informations he has taken concerning the Match, &c. that was found in *Sir George Wakemans* Stable on Sunday night last.

Ordered,

That a Copy of *Mr. Bedloes* Examination given in at the Bar of this House, be made out and delivered to *Mr. Bedloe*.

Resolved,

That there being an accusation of High Treason against *Sir William Godolphin* His Majesties Embassador in *Spain*, that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to desire His Majesty to call home *Sir William Godolphin* to answer the accusation.

Resolved, &c.

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to desire His Majesty that a special Commission may be issued forth for tendring the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to all the Servants of His Majesty and his Royal Highness, and all other persons except Her Majesties *Portugal* Servants, residing within His Majesties Houses of *Whitehal*, *St. James's*, and *Somerset-House*, and all other His Majesties Houses, and that there may likewise, special Commissions be issued forth for tendring the said Oaths to all persons residing within the two Serjeants Inns, all the Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery.

Ordered, That

Mr. Papillion.

Mr. Love.

Sir Robert Cann.

Sir Francis Russel.

Serjeant Rigby.

Sir John Barnaby.

Sir Roger Bradshaw.

Mr. Morgan.

Sir Samuel Bernardiston.

Sir George Hungerford.

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Be added to the Committee appointed to examine concerning the translating Printing and Publishing the Gazette in French.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do bring in the Lists of the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties in England and Wales, as likewise the List of such persons as have been put out of Commission of the Peace, within seven years last past, on Friday morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Mercurii 13^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. *Speaker*, acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House, Mr. *Bedloe's* Examinations were copied, and that he had sealed up the Originals again, which he delivered to the Clerk.

Ordered,

That the Copies of Mr. *Bedloe's* Examinations be sealed up, and delivered to him by the Clerk of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Jovis 14^o die Novembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THat Mr. *Bedloe* be forthwith sent for to attend.

Ordered, That

Sir *Anthony Irbie.*

Mr. *Wright.*

Mr. *Pepyr.*

Sir *Anthony Dean.*

Sir *John Newton.*

Sir *Edmund Windham.*

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Sir John Hobart.

Sir Robert Berkley.

Mr. Hampden.

Sir John Holland.

Sir George Hungerford.

Mr. Wentworth.

Mr. Spry.

Mr. Brown.

Sir Giles Hungerford.

Be added to the Committee appointed to examine
Mr. Colemans Papers.

Ordered,

That the Thanks of this House be returned to Doctor *Stillingfleet*, Dean of *St. Pauls*, for his Sermon yesterday preached before this House at *St. Margarets, Westminster*, and that he be desired to print his Sermon. And Collonel *Titus* is desired to give him the Thanks of this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Chancellor of the Dutchy of *Lancaster* be desired to give Orders, that a List of the Justices of the Peace within the said Jurisdiction, as also a List of such as have been turned out within these seven years last past, may be brought to the House.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Langborns* Papers, do meet to morrow in the afternoon, and do examine and sort such of his Papers as they have laid by, to the end that those that are necessary for the service of the House may be fitted to be presented to the House.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* acquaints the House, that His Majestie had been attended with the two Addresses of this House : The one in relation to Sir *William Godolphin* : The other concerning issuing forth special Commissions : And that as to that concerning Sir *William Godolphin*, His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, That he had already Ordered his Letters of Revocation, and that he had a Person in His Eye, who he designed should succeed him in that Service. That as to the other Address

Address, His Majesty was pleased to return His Answer in Writing, which he read to the House, and is as followeth,

Charles Rex.

His Majesty having considered of the Address of this House of the 12. Instant, desiring that a Special Commission may be issued forth for tendering the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to all the Servants of His Majesty and Royal Highness, and to all other Persons (except Her Majesties Portugall Servants) residing withing His Majesties houses of Whitehal, St. James's, and Somerset-House, and all other His Majesties Houses; and that there may likewise Special Commissions be issued forth for tendering the said Oaths to all Persons residing within the two Serjeants Inns, all the Inns of Court, and Inns of Chancery : His Majesty is pleased that this Answer be returned, That as to all His Majesties own Servants, all the Servants of his Royal Highness, all other Persons residing in Whitehall, St. James's, Somerset-House, or in any other of His Majesties Palaces or Houses, except the Menial Servants of the Queen and Dutchesse. As also all Persons within either of the Serjeants Inns, or any of the Inns of Court, or Chancery, His Majesties willingly grants it : But as to the Queens Menial Servants, who are so very inconsiderable in their number, and within the Articles of Marriage, His Majesty doth not think it fit, and His Majesty cannot but take notice, that in a late Address from the House of Peers, the Menial Servants of the Queen
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and Dutcheſs are excepted ; and His Maſteſty hopes this Houſe will proceed with the ſame moderation,, as to that particular. Given at the Court at Whitehal the 14th. day of November, 1678.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente,

That a further Addreſs be preſented to His Maſteſty, for iſſuing forth Commiſſions, for tendring the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the Menial Servants of Her Maſteſty and her Royal Highneſs : And it is referred to,

Sir William Coventry.

Mr. Zacheverill.

Sir Thomas Clergis.

Collonel Titus.

Sir Thomas Meeres.

Sir Thomas Lee.

Mr. Hampden.

Sir Thomas Littleton.

Sir Eliab. Harvey.

Sir William Hickman.

Sir Richard Temple.

Sir Nicholas Carew.

Mr. Powle.

Or any three of them to prepare and draw up the ſaid Addreſs, and they are to meet at two of the Clock this afternoon in the Speakers Chamber.

Reſolved,

That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords to put them in mind of this Addreſs ſent from this Houſe to be preſented to His Maſteſty, for the Printing of Mr. *Colemans* two Letters, and Mr. *L'Chaiſer* Anſwer.

Mr. *Bedloe* was then called in to give in a further information and being withdrawn :

Reſolved,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Maſteſty, that His Maſteſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to grant Mr. *Bedloe* his Pardon.

Reſolved, &c.

That the Adjourned debate for an Addreſs that his
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Royal Highness may withdraw himself, be further Adjourned till *Munday* morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock

Veneris 15^o die Norembris, 1678.

Sir *John Knight* reports from the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Colemans* Papers, That the Committee had transcribed several of the Letters which were sent to Mr. *Coleman*, and written in Vinegar, and were difficult to be read, and had likewise translated several, which were written in French, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, and some of them were by Mr. *Speaker* read to the House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do on *Munday* morning next, bring in a List of such Persons, as have been put out of Commission of the Peace within the space of seven years last past.

Mr. Secretary *Williamson* acquaints the House, that His Majesty had been attended with the Address of this House, for a Pardon to be granted to Mr. *Bedloe*, and that His Majesty had readily granted it, and given Orders for drawing the same.

Sir *Thomas Littleton* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address concerning tending the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the Servants of the Queen and Dutches: An Address agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and upon the Question agreed, and is as followeth, *Viz.*

WE Your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament assembled, having taken into consideration your Majesties Message of the 14th. Instant. Do humbly render our Thanks to your Majesty for condescending so far to our desires, and willingly granting that a special Commission may be issued forth for tendering the Oaths of Allegiance to all your Majesties own Servants, all the Servants of his Royal Highness, and all other persons residing at Whitehal, St. James's and Somerset Houses, or any other of your Majesties Palaces or Houses (except the Menial Servants of the Queen and the Dutchess) as also all Persons within either of the Serjeants Inns, or any of the Inns of Court, or Inns of Chancery.

As to the persons excepted in this your Majesties message. We your Majesties Commons do humbly advise your Majesty and renew our Desires, that they may be comprehended in the said Commission, for which we do with all Duty lay before your Majesty the reasons following,

I. For the Quieting the minds of your Majesties good Protestant Subjects, who have a more than ordinary care and solicitude for the safety of your Majesties Person by reason of the notorious Conspiracy of the Popish Party at this Time even against the Life of your Sacred Majesty.

II. By your Majesties Proclamation set forth upon the Address of both Houses, for banishing Popish Recusants ten miles from London, there is no such restriction.

III. The discouragement it would be to this Kingdome to see so great a neglect, and the occasions that Papists would take to say from thence, That all our fears are groundless.

IV. It is too great a Countenance to the dangerous factions, which are already come to that height, that it renders all manner of Discouragement on that side necessaries.

V. It is against the Laws and Statutes of the Realm, which as they are preserved and maintain'd by your Majesties Authority, so We assure our selves you will not suffer them to be thus violated in your own Family and
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Royal Presence, and upon the account of Popish Recusants.

Resolved,

That the Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House, as are of His Majesties Privy Council.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, desiring his Majesty, That special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, may be issued forth for trying of *Charles Mehain*, now in custody in the Burrough of *Denbigh*, and *William Loyd* now in the County Gaol of *Brecon*, as Popish Priests. And it is referred to,

Mr Soliciter General. Sir *Thomas Clergis*.

Mr. *Williams*.

Sir *John Salisbury*.

Collonel *Birch*.

Mr. *Powle*.

Sir *Henry Capel*.

Sir *Eliab Harvey*.

Sir *William Coventry*.

Mr. *Mansel*.

Mr. *Zacheveril*.

Sir *Thomas Meers*.

Sir *Thomas Lee*.

Or any three of them, and they are, to meet at three of the Clock in the afternoon in the *Speakers Chamber*, to prepare and draw up the said Address.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbati 16^a die Novembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Colemans*, and the Jesuits several Bags of Papers, have power to distribute the same amongst themselves, and three of the Committee to receive and examine
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one Bag of the said Papers, and the Chairman of the Committee to deliver every Bag by it self to three of the Committee to be examined, and no Bag to be opened, but in the presence of the said three to make their Report thereof.

Mr. *Williams* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty, to desire His Majesty to issue forth special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, for trying certain Persons, as Popish Priests: An Address agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and with some Additions made thereto, upon the Question, agreed, and is as follows,

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most loyal and dutiful Subjects the Commons in Parliament assembled, having information, that Charles Mehain hath continued in custody in the Burrough of Denbigh, since June last upon violent suspicion of being a Popish Priest, and that William Lloyd now remains in Goal at Brecon, in the County of Brecon, upon a Commitment for being a Popish Priest, and forasmuch as your Majesties Justices, for the great Sessions for the County of Denbigh, at the great Sessions held for the said County in September last, did not try the said Charles Mehaine for the said offence: Your Majesties Protestant Subjects being much disquieted, and Popish Recusants animated by reason that Delinquents of that kind are not brought to speedy Justice; especially at this time of manifest danger to your Majesties sacred Person, Government, and Religion, established by Law, proceeding from the notorious Conspiracies of Popish Priests and Jesuites. *WE* humbly apprehending it to be highly necessary, as some ease to your Majesties good Protestant Subjects filled with present fears of Popery, to have the
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Laws speedily and effectually executed upon Popish Priests, Do withal humility beseech your Majesty to grant one or more Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, for the Tryal of the said Charles Mehaine and William Lloyd according to the known and well established Laws of the Kingdom, and We do further most humbly beseech your Majesty may be pleased to command your Attorney General with all care and diligence to prepare the whole evidence against James Colker a Benedicline (who assumes to himself the Title of Bishop of London) for his Tryal next Gaol delivery for the County of Middlesex and City of London.

And We do further humbly beseech your Majesty, That your Majesty will graciously be pleased to issue forth your Royal Proclamation with a promise of reward to any person that shall apprehend a Popish Priest or Jesuit,

Resolved,

That such Members of this House as are of His Majesties Privy Council, be desired to know His Majesties pleasure when this House may attend him with this Address.

Resolved,

That a message be sent to the Lords, as followeth, viz,

The Commons in Parliament assembled reflecting on the eminent dangers, wherein the Kingdome is involved by the restless conspiracies of Popish Recusants against His Majesties person and the Religion and Government established, do find themselves necessitated to remind your Lordships for a speedy proceeding on the Bill before you, Entituled an Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament without which they think themselves unable to prepare any effectual remedies to prevent the evils, that hang over Us, and that Mr. Secretary Coventry, do go up with the Message.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty that some fitting encouragement may be given to such as shall make a further discovery of any of the Designs and Attempts against His Majesties Person and Government, and it is referred to

Sir William Coventry,	Sir Robert Sawyer.
Sir Thomas Meeres.	Mr. Vaughan.
Sir Richard Temple.	Sir Henry Capell.
Mr. Zachevill.	Mr. Williams.
Sir Thomas Lee.	Sir Thomas Clergis.
Mr. Powle.	Sir Francis Drake.
Sir Eliab. Harvey,	Sir Francis Rolls.

Or any three of them and they are to meet at three of the Clock this afternoon in the Speakers Chamber to prepare and draw up the said Address.

And then the House adjourned till Munday morning eight of the Clock.

Lunæ 18^o die Novembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That Mr. Bedloe be forthwith sent for to attend at the Bar of this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Colemans original Papers which have been already perused by this House be returned back to the Clerk of the Council now in waiting.

Serjeant Seis, reports from the Committee appointed to examine concerning the Translating, Printing and Publishing the French Gazette, That the Committee had taken the particulars thereof and put the same in Writing, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table.

Resolved,

Resolved, &c.

That the further consideration of this report be adjourned till to morrow morning.

Mr. *Bedloe* being called in delivered in a further information in Writing.

Resolved,

That my Lord chief Justice be desired immediately to repair to this House and that Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. *Williams* do acquaint him herewith.

Mr. Solicitor General acquaints the House that Mr. *Williams* and himself had acquainted my Lord Chief Justice with the desire of this House and that my Lord Chief Justice according to his wonted readiness was come along with them, and was at the door.

My Lord Chief Justice being called in, Mr. *Speaker* acquainted him with the occasion that this House had sent for him, after which his Lordship withdrew into the *Speakers* Chamber.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty to give Orders to the Lord Lieutenants of the several Counties to raise a third part of the Militia for a fortnight to secure the peace of the Kingdom. And that the Sheriffs may be ready with their *Posse Comitatus*, to assist in case of any insurrection. And it is referred to

Mr. *Powle*.

Mr. *Zacheyril*.

Sir Gilbert Gerrard.

Sir Thomas Littleton.

Sir Robert Sawyer.

Sir Eliab Harvey, &c.

Or any three of them and they are to meet at four of the Clock this afternoon in the *Speakers* Chamber.

Order d,

That the said Committee, do bring in a Bill or

Bills to make the Militia more useful in this time of danger.

The House being informed that there were several Commissions granted to Popish Recusants and Warrants also that they should be mustered notwithstanding they have not taken the Oaths, and subscribed the Declaration according to the Act of Parliament, and that they were Signed by Mr. Secretary *Williamson*.

Resolved,

That Mr. Secretary *Williamson* be immediately sent to the Tower for Signing Warrants for Popish Officers to be mustered and receive pay contrary to the Act for preventing dangers, which may happen from Popish Recusants.

Ordered.

That Mr. *Lock*, Mr. *Henry Howard*, Sir *Cecil Howard*, and Mr. *Kingdome*, be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House to morrow morning.

Resolved, &c.

That the adjourned debate for an Address relating to the Duke of *Tork* be further adjourned till *Thursday* morning.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow eight of the Clock.

Martis 19^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. Secretary *Coventry*, acquaints the House that His Majesty commanded this House to attend him immediately in the Banqueting house at *Whitehal*.

And accordingly, Mr. *Speaker* with the House went to attend His Majesty.

The House being returned.

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Mr. *Speaker* reports that according to His Majesties commands he had attended him in the Banquetting house at *Whitehal*, where His Majesty was pleased to make a Speech to the House, which His Majesty was pleased to deliver by word of mouth and not to make use of any Paper, the effect of which Speech Mr. *Speaker* declared to the House.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty representing the reasons that induced this House to commit Mr. Secretary *Williamson* to the *Tower* and that His Majesty be humbly desired not to release Mr. Secretary *Williamson*, and that His Majesty will be pleased to recal all Commissions that have been granted to any Papists within the Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland* or any other His Majesties Dominions and Territories, and it is referred to

Sir *William Coventry*.

Sir *Henry Capel*.

Collonel *Titus*.

Mr. *Zacheveril*.

Sir *Thomas Lee*.

Sir *Charles Wheeler*.

Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*.

Collonel *Birch*.

Mr. *Powle*.

Mr. Secretary *Coventry*.

Sir *Jo. Hanmer*.

Or any five of them, and they are to withdraw into the *Speakers* Chamber and prepare the said Address.

Sir *William Coventry* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty that some fitting encouragement may be given to such as shall make a further discovery of the Designs and Attempts against His Majesties Person and Government, that the Committee had agreed upon an Address, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, where the same was read and upon the Question agreed, and is as followeth, viz.

May it please your Majesty.

WE your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects the Commons in Parliament assembled cannot sufficiently admire your Majesties love of Justice and care of your People, which moved your Royal Highness to propose a Pardon and Reward to such as shall reveal the murder of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, whilest no encouragement is given to such as shall make a further discovery of the persons designing against your Majesties own Life (which we beseech God long to preserve) and therefore we humbly beseech your Majesty so far to consider your own safety, the preservation of the Protestant Religion, and safety of your People, which do so much depend upon it as to issue out your Proclamation, whereby some fitting encouragement may be given to any who shall do so Important a service that others may be discouraged from the like attempts for the future.

Resolved, &c.

That a Bill be brought in to make it more penal for any Popish recusant to receive any Commission, and that such persons as do receive Commissions, do take the Oaths and Test, and bring a Certificate thereof before their Commissions be delivered to them and that a Penalty be inflicted on the Officers through whose hands such Commissions pass, in case the same be delivered to the person before he do bring a Certificate of his having taken the Oaths and Test. And that Mr. Finch do bring in the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Lock, Mr. Kingdome, and Mr. Howard, who are attending in the Lobby, do attend again to morrow.

And then the House adjourned for half an hour.

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Post Meridiem.

SIR Robert Howard reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty, representing to His Majesty the reasons that induced this House to commit Mr. Secretary *Williamson* to the Tower.

An Address agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where it was twice Read, and upon the Question agreed and is as followeth.

May it please your Majesty.

WE your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons assembled in Parliament, having taken into Our serious consideration, what your Majesty was pleased to deliver to Us this day in the Banqueting House; and being most desirous not only to express our loyalty and affections to His Majesties service, but also to preserve your Majesties good Opinion of the manner of our proceedings do humbly present to your Majesty the reason of our proceedings in the commitment of Sir Joseph Williamson a Member of our House.

I. That diverse Commissions were granted to Popish Officers, and Counter-Signed by the said Sir Joseph Williamson and delivered out in October last since the meeting of this House and the discovery of the present Popish Conspiracy.

II. Diverse Warrants have also been produced before Us of dispensations contrary to Law for Popish Officers to continue in their commands and to be past in Muster, notwithstanding they have not taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and received the blessed Sacrament

crament of the Lords Supper according to the late Act of Parliament in that behalf. All which said Warrants were likewise Counter-Signed by the said Sir Joseph Williamson, which being complained of to Us, and confessed by the said Sir Joseph Williamson, We your Majesties most dutiful Subjects having the immediate consideration before Us of the Eminent danger of your Majesties Person, the Safety whereof is above all things most dear, and likewise the dangers from Popish Plots so nearly threatening the Peace and Safety of your Majesties Government, and the Protestant Religion, were humbly of Opinion, We could not discharge our Duties to your Majesty, and the whole Kingdome without the committing the said Sir Joseph Williamson, and therefore most humbly desire that he may not be discharged by your Majesty,

And We do further most humbly desire your Majesty to re-all all Commissions granted to all Papists within the Kingdomes of England and Ireland or any other your Majesties Dominions and Territories.

Resolved,

That this Address be presented by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties Privy Council.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock,

Mercurii 10. die Novembris, 1678.

A Complaint being made of a Breach of Priviledge committed against Sir Phillip Monkton a Member of this House in arresting and detaining *Timothy Remington* his menial Servant.

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Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* is desired to examine the matter of the said Complaint and to report the matter of Fact to the House.

The House being acquainted by Sir *Richard Head* a Member of this House, of a Letter that he received from one *Richard Trey* an Attorney, who thereby informs him that Mr. *John Fowle* of *Maidstone* told him that he was told by Mr. *William Godfrey* of *Boxley*, that he knew the depth of this Plot a great while ago.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Trey*, *Fowle*, and *Godfrey*, be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House.

Resolved,

That the Concurrence of the Lords be desired to the Address yesterday agreed upon for some fitting encouragement to such as shall make a further discovery of the Plot and that Sir *Francis Rolls* do desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Jovis 21^o die Novembris, 1678.

THE House being informed, that Mr. *Bedloe* is not satisfied, that his Pardon is full enough.

Resolved, &c.

That a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. *Bedloe's* Pardon, and report their Opinion to the House, and it is referred to

Mr. *Williams.*

Sir *Thomas Clergis.*

Mr. *Zacheveril.*

Collonel *Titus.*

Sir

*Sir Richard Temple.**Sir Trevor Williams.**Mr. Powle.*

Or any three of them, and they are to repair to Mr. Attorney General and peruse the Pardon.

A Message from the Lords by *Sir Timothy Baldwin* and *Sir William Beversham.*

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords have sent you down a Bill entituled an Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament with some amendments and a Proviso, to which they desire the Concurrence of the House.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments and Proviso, which were twice read to the House.

The first amendment being read a third time was upon the Question agreed to.

The second and third amendments (relating to the Servants of the Queen and Dutchess of York) being read a third time, and the Question being severally put for agreeing with the Lords in the said amendments,

It passed in the Negative.

The Proviso being read a third time the Question being put for agreeing with the Lords in the said Proviso,

The House divided.

The yeas go forth.

Tellers.	{	<i>Sir John Trelarney.</i>	}	for the yeas, 158.
	{	<i>Mr. Hyde.</i>	}	

Tellers.	{	<i>Mr. Zacheveril.</i>	}	for the Noes, 156.
	{	<i>Mr. Bennet.</i>	}	

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Resolved, &c.

That a Committee be appointed to draw up reasons to be offered at a Conference to be had with the Lords why this House does not agree with the Lords in the second and third amendments made by the Lords to the Bill entituled, an Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament, and it is referred to

Sir Charles Harbord.

Sir Robert Sawyer.

Mr. Finch.

Sir William Coventry.

Mr. Hyde.

Sir Thomas Lee.

Sir John Trevor.

Sir Nicholas Carew.

Mr. May.

Mr. Powle.

Mr. Solicitor General.

Mr. Vaughan.

Sir Henry Capel.

Sir Robert Howard.

Sir Edward Deering.

Sir Joseph Hammer,

Sir Thomas Meers.

Mr. Williams.

Serjeant Gregory.

Sir Thomas Littleton.

Lord Ancram.

Sir Thomas Higgins.

Sir John Birkenhead.

Sir Joseph Tredinham.

Sir Richard Temple.

Sir John Brampton.

Sir Winston Churchill.

Collonel Birch.

Serjeant Maynard.

Sir Gilbert Gerrard.

Or any five of them, and they are to meet this afternoon at four of the Clock in the *Speakers Chamber*.

A Breach of the Peace happening in the House between Sir *John Trelawney* and Mr. *Ash*.

Ordered,

That Sir *John Trelawney* and Mr. *Ash*, be secured by the Serjeant at Arms, till the matter be examined and determined by the House.

And the matter being examined and debated in the House

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The Question being put that Sir *Jonathan Trelawny* be expelled the House.

The Question being put that this Question be now put.

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, &c.

That Sir *Jonathan Trelawney* be sent to the Tower there to remain during the Session of the Parliament.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Ash* be called in to his place and reproved by Mr. *Speaker*, and enjoined not to prosecute this quarrel either by himself or his friends.

And Mr. *Ash* being called in Mr. *Speaker* gave him a reproof and he past his promise not to prosecute this quarrel either by himself or his friends.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Speaker* be desired to require a Promise from Sir *Jonathan Trelawney*, not to Prosecute this Quarrel any further either by himself or friends and to report the same to the House.

Resolved,

That this House will to morrow morning take into consideration His Majesties last Speech made to both Houses of Parliament.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Veneris 22^o die Novembris, 1678.

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THat the Secretary of the Admiralty do bring in a List of the Ships that are now abroad and by whom Commanded and how long they have been in such Commands and also a List of the Names of the
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Commanders of such Ships as are in Harbour, who receive pay and who Commands the Guardship at Chatham on Tuesday next.

A Petition of *Thomas Rogers* and *James Syddal* now in custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending the House for a breach of Priviledge committed against my Lord *Scudamore* a Member of this House whereby they acknowledge the offence and beg Pardon of the House, was read.

Resolved,

That they be called in to the Bar of the House and discharged paying their Fees.

And being called in to the Bar of the House and kneeling Mr. *Speaker* (after a short reprimand) acquainted them that they were discharged paying their Fees.

Mr. *Powle* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty for the raising of the Militia: An Address agreed upon by the Committee which he read in his place and afterwards deliver'd the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read and upon the Question agreed and is as followeth.

May it please your Majesty.

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons in Parliament assembled taking into consideration, the eminent dangers arising to your Majesty and the whole Kingdome from Popish practises and Conspiracies, and conceiving that nothing can so well resist their attempts as some part of the Militia (the settled legal forces of this Kingdome) actually in Arms on whom your Majesty may rely with the greatest Confidence and Security.

We do therefore humbly desire your Majesty to command your Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of the several Counties of this Kingdome to give order to all their Trained Bands to be in a readiness and draw together

together one third part of their respective Militia and to continue them in a Body for fourteen days, and after they are dismiss'd, to draw up another third part for the same time and to require them to be very vigilant in the seizing all suspicious: especially such as travel with Arms or at unusual times, or in unusual Numbers.

And We likewise humbly desire your Majesty to command the Sheriffs of the respective Counties of this Kingdom to be ready with their Posse Comitatus to suppress any insurrection or disturbance of the Peace that may happen within the Precincts of their several Jurisdictions.

Resolved, &c.

That the concurrence of the Lords be desired to this Address, and that Mr. Powle do go up to the Lords to desire your concurrence.

Mr. Powle reports that the Committee appointed had perus'd and considered of Mr. Bedloes Pardon, and did conceive that the same may not be full enough in some particulars, which he reported to the House.

Resolved,

That an humble Representation be made to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties Privy Council, that upon perusal of Mr. Bedloes Pardon, the same is found not to be full enough, and therefore humbly to desire His Majesty to give orders that the same may be made sufficient, and that the particulars which were reported from the Committee be delivered to the Members of this House that are of His Majesties Privy Council.

Resolved.

That the House do now resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Remedies

midies to secure the Protestant Religion against the danger of Popery and to present their Opinions for the making of any new Law or for the repeal of any Law now in force.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Williams reports from the Committee of the whole House, that the Committee had taken the whole matter (to them referred) into consideration and had agreed upon several Votes as heads for a Bill or Bills to be brought in, which Votes he read in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table and humbly moved from the said Committee,

That the House would again resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of Remedies to secure the Protestant Religion against the danger of Popery.

The Votes being twice read at the Table were upon the question severally agreed and are as followeth.

Resolved,

That a Bill be prepared for the more easie and speedy discovery and conviction of Popish Priests.

Resolved, &c.

That a Bill be prepared for the more effectual conviction of Popish Recusants.

Resolved, &c.

That a List of all Popish Recusants and suspected Papists be returned by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses for their respective Counties and places to be inserted in the said Bill and that time be limited for taking the Oaths and Test mentioned in an Act entituled an Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government by disabling Papists to sit in either House of Parliament, and such persons not taking the same to be taken for Popish Recusants conviction.

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Resolved,

That refusing the said Oaths or Test or being at Mass shall be a sufficient conviction of a Popish Recusant.

Resolved, &c.

That four parts in five of the Estates of Popish Recusants shall be forfeited who shall not be returned in the said List, and shall not Register themselves Papists within some limited time.

Resolved, &c.

That some part of the penalty shall be employed in purchasing Improvements for the benefit of the Church, that some part of the said Penalty shall be employed towards the Augmentation of poor Vicaridges and some part shall go to the Informer.

Resolved.

That there be a Clause, or Clauses prepared for discovering and avoiding fraudulent Deeds, Settlements and Conveyances, made or to be made by Popish Recusants.

A Motion being made in the House, that to be seen at Mass in the Chappel of an Ambassador may be a further Penalty.

Resolved,

That being seen at Mass at the Chappel of an Ambassador shall be a further Penalty.

Resolved,

That a Bill or Bills be brought in pursuant to the said Votes. And it is referred to

Mr. Williams.

Sir Humphry Winch.

Serj. Gregory.

Sir Francis Kolls.

Sir Jos. Tredinham.

Mr. Finch.

Sir Thomas Meers.

Sir Jo. Knight.

Mr. Sacheveril.

Sir Jo. Trevor.

Or any three of them, to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills accordingly.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty, by such Members of this House, as are of His Majesties Privy Council, to desire His Majesty, that such Letters and Papers which relate to the Plot now under Examination, as have not been perused by this House may be communicated to them.

That a Committee be appointed to consider of the access and reception of Foreign Ambassadors. And it is referred to,

Sir Charles Cotterel.

Sir William Coventry.

Mr. Mountague.

Sir Thomas Meers.

Sir Tho. Higgins.

Mr. Hide.

Sir Gilb. Talbot

Sir Jo. Berkenhead.

Sir Rob. Howard.

Col: Birch.

Sir Jo. Worden.

Sir George Downing.

Sir Jos. Tredinham.

Sir Edmund Windham.

Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Godolphin.

Mr. Secretary Coventry.

Mr. Thynne.

Sir Jo. Trevor.

Mr. Savile.

Or any five of them.

Resolved,

That this House will again Resolve into a Committee of the whole House to morrow morning further to consider of Remedies to secure the Protestant Religion against the danger of Popery.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbatis 23^a die Novembris, 1678.

Resolved,

That the Bill for raising the Militia be read a second time on Monday morning.

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Resolved,

That this House will on *Monday* morning take into consideration the State of the Nation in relation to the Army.

A Message from the Lords by *Sir Timothy Baldwin* and *Sir Samuel Clerk,*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House in the Painted Chamber, about the Address sent from this House, concerning raising the Militia.

The Messengers being withdrawn.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

The Messengers being called in, *Mr. Speaker* acquaints them, that the House had agreed to a present Conference.

Ordered,

That the Members who drew up the Address do attend and manage the Conference.

Mr. Powle reports from the Conference, That my Lord privy Seal managed the same : And that he acquainted them, that the Lords, upon perusal of the Address, appointed a Committee to consider of the Lawes relating to the Militia, who reported, that upon inspection of the Statutes, they found, that without further Authority the Militia cannot be kept up above twelve days in one year, and thereof four days to be for principal Musters, and two and two, and two and two, *viz.* eight days for particular Musters, and that of these twelve days in many Counties, the Lieutenants have already mustered their Men some of those dayes this present year. Not but that by His Majesties directions, as appears by the Statute, they may be kept up longer, but their Lordships do not find, that there is any power to pay them.

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Mr. Secretary *Coventry* acquaints the House, that His Majesty had been attended with the Address of this House, concerning Mr. *Bedloes* Pardon, and that His Majesty had signed the Warrant for mending the same, and that His Majesty had likewise been attended with the Address of this House, that such Papers relating to the Plot as had not been perused by this House, may be communicated to this House, and that His Majesty had granted the same, and given Orders to my Lord Chancellor to call for the Papers back from the Lords so soon as they had perused them. And further, acquainted the House, that His Majesty was pleased to return an answer in writing to the Address of this House, concerning Mr. Secretary *Williamson*, which was delivered to Mr. Speaker, and by him read to the House: And is as followeth,

Charles Rex,

His Majesty having received an Address the 19th. instant from this House is pleased to return this Answer,

That He released Mr. Secretary Williamson before your Address came, as He told you in the Banqueting House He would do.

As to the Reasons of granting those Commissions His Majesty acquainted you at large with them in His Speech, when you last attended Him.

But in Answer to your present Address His Majesty promiseth to recall all His Commissions whatsoever, given to Papists or reputed Papists, either in England or Ireland immediately, and for His remoter Dominions, they shall be likewise recalled with all the expedition the safety of those places will permit.

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Resolved, &c.

That this House will on *Thursday* next take into consideration His Majesties Answer to the Address of this House, concerning Mr. Secretary *Williamson*.

Sir Edward Deering reports from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered at a Conference to be had with the Lords, why the House does not agree with the Lords in the second and third amendments made by the Lords, to the Bill. Entituled, *An Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government*, &c. Reasons agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place; and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and with some amendments made at the Table upon the Question agreed, and are as follow, *Viz.*

1. That both Houses having declared by their Vote, that the Kings Person is in danger at this time from Popish Conspiracies : It would not only be most dangerous to His Majesties Person, but inconsistent with such a Declaration to admit any Popish Recusants to have a residence in His Palace, and such familiar access unto His Majesties presence.

2. That all Popish Recusants being by His Majesties Proclamation (issued out at the Address of both Houses) required to depart ten Miles from *London* and *Westminster*, We cannot think it advisable to admit them now to continue, and settle in His Majesties Houses, where they may be much more dangerous, than they are in any other place.

That the design of this Act being for a further security against all Popish Recusants, the Commons cannot think it reasonable to allow any of them liberty, contrary to the Laws already in being.

Your Lordships amendments by several words excepting

cepting such a number of the Queens and Royal Highnesses Servants out of the Act. It will follow, that if any Peer of this Kingdome, or Member of the House of Commons be so nominated by them they will be still capable of sitting in either House without taking the Oaths or Test.

Resolved, &c.

That a Conference be desired with the Lords upon the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, Entituled, *For the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, &c.* And that Sir Edmund Jennings desire the Conference.

Resolved,

That the Knights of the Shire do on *Tuesday* next come seven night bring in a List of all Persons of note, being Popish Recusants, or so reputed, resident, or having a considerable Estate within their respective Counties, and that the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses, for each County, do meet together and prepare such Lists and sign the same.

Resolved,

That the House be called over on *Munday* next come seven night, and that no Member depart the service of the House without leave.

Sir Edmund Jennings acquaints the House, that the Lords have agreed to a present Conference.

Resolved,

That the Members, who did prepare the Reasons, do attend, and manage the Conference.

And they did accordingly, and delivered their Reasons, and left the Bill with the Lords.

A Message from the Lords by Sir Samuel Clegg and Sir John Hoskins.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to attend you with a Bill, Entituled, *An Act requiring the Persons*

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therein named to render themselves to Justice, and in default thereof to attain them of High Treason, to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

Resolved,

Whereas the House of Commons taking notice of the absence of several of their Members, that Letters be sent to the Sheriff of each County to summon the Knights of the Shire, who do serve for their respective Counties to give their attendance on the service of the House. As likewise to send to the several and respective Cities and Burroughs within their Counties to summon the Members, who do represent their Corporations, to give their attendance on the Service of the House.

An engrossed Bill sent from the Lords, Entituled an Act requiring the persons therein named to render themselves to Justice, and in default thereof to attain them of High Treason was read the first time

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time, and that the Title be *ut supra*.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Samuel Clerk* and Sir *John Hoskins*.

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords desire a present conference with this House in the painted Chamber upon the subject matter of the last Conference.

The Messengers being called in

Mr. Speaker acquaints them that the House had agreed to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

Resolved,

That the Persons who did manage the last Conference do attend and manage this.

Sir Edward Deering reports that the persons appointed

pointed had attended the Conference which was managed by my Lord Chancellor, who acquainted them that the Lords had considered of the reasons offered at the last Conference, and that they carried great weight with them, and that the Lords did propose an expedient, which was for striking the Queen wholly out of the Bill, and so leave her Servants liable to the Law in General, in which they hoped this House would concur, but if this House should not think fit to concur with the Lords in this Expedient, that then their Lordships would take their amendments and reasons into further consideration,

That my Lord Privy Seal told them there were Presidents in the case, but did not name any.

Resolved,

That this House doth not agree with the Lords in the said Expedient:

Resolved,

That the persons who did attend the Conference do prepare reasons to be offered at a Conference why this House cannot agree to the Expedient proposed by the Lords.

A Petition on behalf of Sir *William Temple* Baronet, was presented to be read, but it appearing upon the debate of the House, that the said Petition was not Signed by Sir *William Temple* nor any persons on behalf of the Borrough of *Northampton*,

The Question being put whether the said Petition should be read.

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed to examine concerning the murder of Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey* do examine concerning the frequent Murthers and as-

faults, which have been lately committed, and to consider of remedies to prevent the like, and to report their Opinion to the House.

Resolved,

That this House will on *Tuesday* morning resolve into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of remedies to secure the Protestant Religion against the dangers of Popery.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock

Lunæ 2^o die Novembris, 1678.

THE House being informed, that Mr. *Fray*, Mr. *Fowle*, and Mr. *Godfrey* were in pursuance of an Order of the 20th. of this instant *November*, attending in the Lobby, and being called in and examined.

Ordered,

That they be discharged from any further attendance.

A Bill for raising the Militia was read the second time.

A Message from the King by Sir *Edward Cartret* Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable House to attend Him immediately in the House of Lords.

And accordingly Mr. *Speaker* with the House went to attend His Majesty.

The House being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reports, That he had attended His Majesty in the House of Lords, where His Majesty was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament. And that His Majesty making use of His
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Paper in the delivery thereof, to the end he might not misreport it, he had obtained a Coppy, which was read to the House : And is as followeth.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I told you in the beginning of this Session how much I had been obliged to keep my Forces in Flanders. That without it our Neighbours had absolutely dispaired, and by this means, whatever has been saved of Flanders is acknowledged to be wholly due to my interposition, and I shew'd you withal, that I had been forced to imploy that money which had been raised for disbanding those Troops in the continuance of them together, and not onely so, but that I had been much more out of Purse for that service; a service, by which the honour and interest of the Nation hath been so far improved, that as I am confident no man would repine at it, so I did not doubt but you would all be willing to supply it.

I have now undergone this Expence so long, that I find it absolutely impossible to support the charge any longer, and did therefore think of putting an end to that charge, by recalling my Troops with all possible speed, who are already exposed to the utmost extremity of want and misery, being without any prospect of further pay or subsistence.

But whilst I was about to do this, I have been importun'd by the Spanish Ministers to continue them a little longer until the Ratifications of the Peace

Peace be exchanged, without which all that hath hitherto been done they say will be utterly lost; and that which hath hitherto been saved in Flanders, will inevitably fall into the hands of their Enemies.

And now between their importunity to keep up these Troopes, and my own inability to pay them any longer, I find My Self in great difficulties what to resolve. If you do not think that the Publick safety may require the continuance, I do wish as heartily as any man, that for the Publick Ease, they may be speedily disbanded and paid off.

I have thought fit thus to lay the matter before you; and having acquitted My Self to all the World by asking your Advice and Assistance; I desire it may be speedy and without any manner of delay.

Resolved,

That the Bill for raising the Militia be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir John Trevor took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr Speaker resum'd the Chair.

Sir John Trevor reports from the said Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read, and upon the Question severally agreed.

Resolved,

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed,

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The House being informed, that *Sir Roger Bradshaw*, a Member of this House is made High Sheriff for the County of *Lancaster*.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to consider of a proper way for Superfeding the Commission for making *Sir Roger Bradshaw* High Sheriff for the County of *Lancaster*, And is referred to,

Sir John Hotham.

Sir Robert Sawyer.

Mr. Saebeverill.

Col. Birch.

Sir Thomas Lee,

Sir Thomas Stringer.

Sir William Coventry.

Or any five of them.

And they are to meet at four of the Clock this afternoon in the *Speakers* Chamber, and to report their opinions therein to the House.

Sir Edward Deering reports from the Committee appointed to draw up reasons why this House do's not agree with the Lords in the Expedient by them proposed at the last Conference, that the Committee had agreed upon reasons which being read with some amendments made at the Table upon the Question were agreed to, and are as followeth.

I. That it is contrary to the constant method and Proceedings of Parliament to strike out any new thing in a Bill which hath been fully agreed and passed by both Houses, and it would make the work endless, and might be of dangerous consequence, if that method should be diverted and changed in the amendments proposed to the Bill by your Lordships, to which the Commons have disagreed the number of the Queens Servants to be excepted out of the Act was limited, but by leaving the Queens name out of the Bill, she may have them without number, so that what is now offered is worse then what the Commons have already disagreed and consequently hath not the nature of an Expedient.

That

That by Experience 'tis found, that the Act intituled an Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants proved ineffectual to remove Papists from Court, by reason there was no Express mention of the Queens Servants.

The Scope of the Bill relateth not only to removing Papists out of both Houses of Parliament, but also from the Court, as appeareth both by the Preamble and Body of the Bill, and the danger of His Majesty may reasonably be supposed to be chiefly in his Court, and the Safety of his Person the Commons think ought more to be considered then any respects to any person whatsoever.

Resolved,

That a Conference be desired with the Lords upon the subject matter of the last Conference.

Resolved,

That the consideration of the State of the Nation in relation to the Army be further adjourned till to morrow morning ten of the Clock.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Martis 26^o die Novembris, 1678.

AN Engrost Bill for raising the Militia read the third time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for preserving the Peace of the Kingome by raising the Militia and continuing them in duty for forty two dayes, and that Mr. Booth do go up to the Lords to desire their concurrence.

Re.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty to desire His Majesty that Mr. *Bedloes* Pardon may extend and relate to this day inclusive.

Mr. *Booth* acquaints the House that the Lords had agreed to a present conference.

Resolved,

That the Persons who did manage the former Conference do attend this Conference.

Mr. Secretary *Coventry* acquaints the House, that he had attended His Majesty with the Address of this House concerning Mr. *Bedloes* Pardon and that His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, *That he would take time to consider of it and return an Answer.*

Resolved,

That the consideration of the State of the Nation in relation to the Army which was appointed for this day be adjourned till to morrow morning ten of the Clock.

And then the House adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Resolved,

That Candles be brought in.

Mr. Secretary *Coventry* deliver'd in His Majesties answer to the Address of this House concerning Mr. *Bedloes* Pardon, which was by Mr. *Speaker* read to the House, and is as follows.

Charles Rex.

His Majesty having receiv'd the Address from the House of Commons desiring His Majesty, that Mr. Bedloes Pardon may extend to this day inclusive, is pleased that an Answer be returned; that Mr. Bedloes Pardon to the first
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of November, is as full to all offences as can be desired; if any offence hath been committed since that time, His Majesty ought to know it before he Pardon it; for a Pardon for an offence to come will not be good in Law. Given at our Court at Whitehal the 26th. day of November, 1678.

A Message from the Lords by Sir Andrew Hacket and Sir William Beversham,

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House in the painted Chamber about the subject matter of the last Conference.

The Messengers being withdrawn,

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to a present Conference.

The Messengers being called in,

Mr. Speaker acquaints them that this House doth agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

Resolved,

That the persons who did manage the last Conference do attend this Conference.

Sir Edward Deering reports from the Conference had with the Lords that my Lord Chancellor managed the Conference, and that he acquainted them that the Lords had considered of the reasons that were offered at the last Conference and proposed a further Expedient, in which they hoped this House would concur,

That the Lords did insist upon the amendments by them made, which did relate to the Queens Portugal Servants, that the Lords did wave that part of the Amendment which did relate to the excepting

ing of a certain number of men Servants to the Queen and Dutchess, and did now onely except a small number of women Servants to the Queen and Dutchess, and that the Reason of it was, that it could not reasonably be supposed, that they were persons from whom any assassination might proceed.

The first amendments, which did relate to the Queens Portugal Servants was twice read.

A Motion being made, that these words, *Not exceeding Nine in number at any one time*, may be added to the said Amendments.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, with the addition of these words, *Not exceeding Nine in number at one time*.

The Question being put, that the House do now adjourn.

It passed in the Negative.

The first part of the second amendment which does relate to the Women Servants of the Queen was twice read and upon the Question agreed.

The last part of the second Amendment (which does relate to the Women Servants of the Dutchess of York) was twice read.

The Question being put to agree with the Lords in that part of the said Amendment.

The House divided.

The yeas go forth.

Tellers.	{ Capt. Howard.	} for the yeas, 65.
	{ Mr. Windham.	

Tellers.	{ Sir John Morton.	} for the Noes, 87.
	{ Sir Arthur Harris	

And so it passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the Persons, who did manage the Conference, do prepare Reasons to be offered at a Conference

ference to be had with the Lords, why this House does not agree with the Lords in the said last part of the second Amendment.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock

Mercurii 17^o die Novembris, 1678.

THe House being informed, that Mr. *Bedloe* has something of moment to impart, and that he desires he may have a pardon for misprision of Treason.

Resolved,

Whereas this House has receiv'd information, That Mr. *Bedloe* has something of moment to impart, and conceiving himself to lie under in concealing the same, That therefore this House does beseech His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to grant Mr. *Bedloe* his Pardon for Misprision of Treason to the Time of such Discovery.

Mr. Secretary *Coventry* acquaints the House, that he had attended His Majesty with the Address concerning Mr. *Bedloe*, and that His Majesty was pleased to say he would think of it, and send an Answer.

Sir *Edward Deering* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered at a Conference to be had with the Lords. Reasons agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where they were twice read, and upon the Question agreed, and are as follow,

To the first Amendment.

That as their Lordships had proposed their addition, the number of Her Majesties *Portugal* Servants, being

being unlimited it might be increased to a degree, that might be very inconvenient.

As to that part of the second Amendment, which relateth to Her Royal Highness, the Commons conceive it to be an innovation in the Law to allow any person, except the Queen, any Family of her own separate and distinct, while under Coverture.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Spencer* do go up to the Lords to desire a Conference upon the Subject matter of the last Conference.

Mr. *Spencer* acquaints the House, that the Lords had agreed to a present Conference in the Painted Chamber.

Resolved,

That the Persons, who did prepare the Reasons, do attend and manage the Conference, which they accordingly did.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *John Hoskins*.

Mr. *Speaker,*

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the Bill for preserving the peace of the Kingdome by raising the Militia and continuing them in duety for two and forty dayes without any alteration.

They have likewise commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to what was delivered by the Commons in the last Conference, upon the Bill concerning Papists not sitting in Parliament, and that they have appointed the Lords of the White Staffe to acquaint His Majesty, that the said two Bills are ready for His Royal Assent, and require Expedition.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the State of the Nation in relation to the Army.

Resolved, nemine contradicente,

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That

That it is necessary for the safety of His Majesties Person and preserving the Peace of the Government, That all the Forces which have been raised since the 29th. of September 1677, and all others, that since that time, have been brought over from beyond Seas from foreign service be forthwith disbanded.

Resolved,

That it is the humble Opinion and desire of this House,

That the Forces which are now in *Flanders* may be immediately called over, in order to their disbanding.

Resolved,

That the last Vote be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House, as are of His Majesties Privy Council.

Resolved,

That this House will to morrow morning resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the manner of disbanding the Army.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Jovis 28^o. die Novembris, 1678.

MR. Secretary *Cowentry* acquaints the House, that he had attended His Majesty with the Address relating to Mr. *Bedloes* Pardon, for Mispri-
 son of Treason, and that His Majesty was pleased to return this Answer, *That Mr. Bedloe should have his Pardon according to the Address*: And likewise with the Address for disbanding the Army, which being a Matter of great moment, he would consult
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and advise with His House of Lords before he would give an Answer.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Bedloe* be forthwith sent for to attend at the Bar of this House.

A Message from the Lords by *Sir William Beversham* and *Sir Samuel Clerk*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have sent you down a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for the better discovery and speedy conviction of Popish Recusants*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Petition of several Free-men of *Dunwich* complaining of an undue Return of *Thomas Allen, Esq;* to serve in this present Parliament, as Burgesses for the said Borough was read.

Resolved,

That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges to examine the matter and report the same to the House.

An Engrossed Bill sent from the Lords Entituled, *An Act for the more speedy conviction of Popish Recusants*, was read the first time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill or Bills, for the more easie and speedy discovery and conviction of Popish Recusants do sit this afternoon to prepare the said Bills.

Ordered,

That the Door of the House be locked.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Bedloe* be called and examined to the Christian Names of the Persons mentioned in the Bill, sent down from the Lords, Entituled, *An Act requiring*

requiring the persons therein named, to render themselves to Justice, and in default thereof to attain them of High Treason.

Mr. Bedloe being called in informed the House, that he knew not the Christian name of *Symonds*, and that *Le Phaires* name was *Carolo*, and that *Pritchard* was called by the name of *David Pritchard* alias *Charles Davys*.

Mr. Bedloe deliver'd in a further Information in writing.

Ordered,

That Mr. Bedloe do take his Information and write a fair Copy and deliver the same into the House.

Information being given to the House that some Members were above in the *Speakers* Chamber making Copies of Mr. Bedloes Information.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do go up to the *Speakers* Chamber and give the House an account of the Members that are taking Copies of Mr. Bedloes Information.

The Serjeant acquaints the House that he knows not the Members names, but he shewed the House the persons and delivered the Copies to Mr. *Speaker*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do tear the said Copies.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* be sent for to attend at the Bar of this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Secretary *Coventry* have leave to go out and no Member else without leave.

Resolved,

That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint their

their Lordships that this House will sit this afternoon upon matters that relate to the preservation of His Majesties Person and Government, and desire their Lordships to do the like.

Ordered,

That my Lord *Cavendish*, Lord *Russel*, and Sir *William Portman*, do go up to the Lords with the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bedloe* be sent for to own the Paper of Information under his hand delivered into the House.

And Mr. *Bedloe* being called in did own the said Paper.

Mr. *Speaker* read the said Information of Mr. *Bedloe* to the House, and the same was afterwards sealed up.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* be sent for to the Bar of this House.

Mr. *Oates* being called in to the Bar, gave his Information to the House and withdrew.

The Lord *Cavendish* acquaints the House that he had attended the Lords with the Message of this House, and their Lordships returned answer, they would sit this afternoon according to the desire of this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Oates* be called in again, and that Mr. *Speaker* do ask him such Questions as he shall think fit.

And Mr. *Oates* having been called in and examined and withdrawn,

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to desire His Majesty, that Mr. *Oats* may lie under no manner of restraint whatsoever, and that he may be allowed his own Servants to attend him and the liberty of providing his own necessities,

that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to give order, that he may have a present Sum of money in hand, and a competent weekly allowance for his maintenance, and that his friends and relations may have free access to him; and that His Majesty would be further graciously pleased that Mr. Oate's Pardon may extend and relate to this day for misprision of Treason.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty that the Queen and all her Family, and all Papists, and reputed Papists, be forthwith removed from his Court at *Whitehal*.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to withdraw immediately, and prepare and draw up the said Address and it is referred to

Sir Rob. Howard.

Sir Thomas Meers.

Mr. Zacheveril.

Mr. Solicitor General.

Sir William Coventry.

Sir Thomas Clergis.

Sir Rob. Sawyer.

Coll. Titus.

Sir Tho. Littleton.

Collonel Birch.

Mr. Hampden.

Sir Jo. Trevor.

Mr. Williams.

Mr. Powle.

Sir Thomas Lee.

Sir Rich. Temple.

Or any three of them.

Resolved,

That a Conference be desired with the Lords upon matters relating to the preservation of His Majesties person and safety of the Government.

And that Mr. Thyn do go up to the Lords to desire the Conference.

Sir John Trevor reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty, that the Queen, all her Family and all Papists may be removed from His Majesties Court

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at *Whitehal*. An Address agreed upon by the Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where it was twice read, and upon the Question agreed: And is as follows,

WE your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects the
and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, having received Informations by several Witnesses of a most desperate and Traiterous Design and Conspiracy, against the Life of your sacred Majesty, wherein, to their great astonishment, the Queen is particularly charged and accused. In discharge of our Allegiance, and out of our affections and care, for the preservation of your Majesties sacred Person, and consequently of the whole Kingdom, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that the Queen and all her Family, and all Papists and reputed Papists be forthwith removed from your Majesties Court at *Whitehal*.

Mr. *Tbyn* acquaints the House, that the Lords had agreed to a present Conference in the painted Chamber.

Resolved,

That the Persons, who did prepare, and draw up the Address, do attend and manage the Conference.

Sir *John Trevor* acquaints the House, that the Members appointed had attended the Conference with the Lords, and delivered the Address.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that all Papists and suspected Papists within the several Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and Town of *Barwick* upon *Tweed*, may be apprehended secured; And it is referred to,

Sir John Trevor.

Mr. Brown

Sir Richard Temple.

Sir Trevor Williams.

Mr. Powle.

Sir Jo. Sydenham.

Mr. Solicitor General.

Sir Nich. Carew.

Or any three of them, to prepare and draw up the said Address, and they are to meet to morrow at two of the Clock in the afternoon in the Speakers Chamber

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock,

Veneris 29^o die Novembris, 1678.

MR. Secretary Coventry acquaints the House, that His Majesty had been attended with the Address concerning Mr. Oates. and that His Majesty would take time to consider and return an Answer.

The House then resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the manner of disbanded the Army.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the Lords by Sir John Coel and Sir Samuel Clerk,

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have received Information, that there is a Faculty, under the Seal of Cardinal Barbarini, for dispensing with the taking of Oaths, and other things, in the hands of a Member of this House, which their Lordships desire may be communicated to them.

The Messenger being withdrawn.

Sir John Knight acquaints the House, that the Paper mentioned by the Lords, was found amongst
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Mr. Irelands Papers, and the same being read by Mr. Speaker ;

Ordered,

That the said Paper be sent to the Lords, and that Mr. Speaker do acquaint the Messengers, that when their Lordships have perused the same, this House does expect it should be returned again in order to be entred into the Journal of this House. And the Messengers being called in, the said Paper was delivered to them : And Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the pleasure of the House.

Sir Charles Cotterel acquaints the House, that he had been with the French Ambassador, and that he had obtained a Copy of that part of the Letter, of which this House yesterday received information, which being delivered in and read at the Table is as followeth.

Monsieur Walkeiner, Resident of Holland at Frankland, writes thus to the States.

Novemb. 11. 1678.

Some dayes since a Jesuit coming from Rome, arrived at Bazil with intent to go for England, who, being in discourse with certain Merchants there, is reported to have said, That there was something designed in England against the King, whereof he believed he should hear the effect before he came to his journies end, and for the going through with the designe, he should find more than a thousand Jesuits in England : During this discourse the Post brought News of the
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Discovery of the Plot ; whereupon the Jesuit withdrew, and suffered Himself no more to be seen.

Ordered,

That this Letter be communicated to the Lords, and that Sir *Charles Cotterel* do go up with a Message to the Lords for that purpose.

The House then again resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the manner for disbanding the Army.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir *John Trevor* reports from the said Committee, that they had taken the matters to them referred into consideration, and had agreed upon several Votes which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where they were twice read, and upon the Question severally agreed to, and are as follow.

Resolved,

That the Commissary General of the Musters do bring in a List of all the Regiments and Companies, that have been raised and come from Foreign parts since the 29th. of *Sept.* 1677. and the time when they were entered into pay.

Resolved,

That the Paymaster of the Army do bring in a State and Accompt of what money hath been paid to every Troop and Company of the said forces raised or come from Foreign parts since the 29th. of *Sept.* 1677. and what is due, and in Arrear to them from the said 29th. of *Sept.* 1677. to the first of *Dec.* next.

Resolved,

That the Auditor of the Exchequer do bring in an Accompt of what money he hath issued to the Pay-

Paymaster of the Army for the use of the forces raised since the 29th. of Sept. 1677.

Resolved,

That the Commissary General of the Musters, do bring in a List of all such Forces as are now in *Flanders*, which were raised since the 29th. of Sept. 1677. and another List of all such Forces as are now in *England*, raised since the 29th. of Sept. 1677. and of such Forces as are come from Foreign parts since the 29th. of Sept. 1677.

Resolved,

That the Paymaster General of the Army do bring in a distinct Accompt of what money hath been paid to the Forces now in *Flanders* raised since the 29th. of Sept. 1677.

Resolved,

That the money to be raised for disbanding the Army, shall be paid to the Chamberlain of *London*.

Resolved,

That the said Money shall be issued out by Commissioners to be named in the Act.

Resolved,

That the said Commissioners shall not exceed the number of three.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare Instructions for disbanding the Army: as followeth.

Sir Jo. Trevor,

Coll. Birch.

Sir Henry Capel.

Sir Tho. Meers,

Sir Gilbert Gerrard.

Lord Allington.

Sir Jo. Holbam.

Mr. Booth.

Sir Lyonel Walden.

Mr. Mountague.

Sir Jo. Knight.

Lord Cavendish.

Sir Eliab Harvey.

Mr. Spry, &c.

Or any three of them, and they are to meet at
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three of the Clock this afternoonn in the *Speakers* Chamber, and are impowred to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock,

Sabbatis 30. die Novembris, 1678.

A Message from the King by Sir *Edward Cartret* Usher of the black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The King Commands this Honourable House to attend him immediately in the House of Lords.

And accordingly *Mr. Speaker* with the House went up to attend His Majesty.

The House being returned.

Mr. Speaker reports that he had attended His Majesty in the House of Lords, where His Majesty was pleased to give His Royal assent to the Bill for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, &c. And that His Majesty was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament; the effect whereof, *Mr. Speaker* declared to the House.

Resolved,

That the House will now proceed to the taking of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and making and subscribing the Declaration according to the direction of the Act, for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government.

Mr. Speaker having in his Chair, taken the said Oaths, and made and subscribed the said Declaration, several of the Members of the House did likewise take the said Oaths, and make, and subscribe the

the said Declaration, according to the Direction of the said Act.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow nine of the Clock.

Die Dominico 1^o die Decembris, 1678.

THe House being set, several of the Members did take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, &c. according to the Act.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Lunæ 2^o die Decembris, 1678.

THe House being set, several of the Members did take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, &c. according to the Act.

Ordered,

That Mr. Oates be sent for to attend at the Bar of this House,

Mr. Secretary Coventry deliver'd a Message from His Majesty in answer to the Address of this House concerning Mr. Oates, which Mr. Speaker read to the House: And is as followeth.

Charles Rex.

His Majesty having receiv'd an Address from the House of Commons, dated the 29th. of November last, hath thought fit to return this Answer.

That

That His Majesty will give a Pardon to Mr. Oates for misprision of Treason from the beginning of the World to the said 28th. of November last, that he shall have liberty to walk where he pleaseth in Whitehal and St. James's Park, and enjoy all other Liberties of writing and conversing, which he had in Whitehal, before Sunday the 24th. of the said November.

He shall have a convenient allowance of all things necessary for him, but the Guards His Majesty do's not think fitting to remove in respect of the safety of Mr. Oates's person.

Mr. Oates being called in, delivered in Copies of his Examinations taken at the Council Board.

Ordered,

That Copies thereof be made out by the Clerk and delivered to Mr. Oates.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty containing a representation of the present State and dangers of the Nation.

Resolved,

That the House will proceed to Vote the Heads of the said Address in the House.

Resolved,

That the misrepresentations of the proceedings of this House to His Majesty, be one head for the said Address.

The Question being propounded that a representation be therein made to His Majesty of the dangers that have and may arise from private advices contrary to the Advice of this Parliament.

The Question being put that this Question should be now put.

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The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lord *Ancram.* } \\ \text{Sir *Jo. Talbot.* } \end{array} \right\}$ for the Noes, 114.

Tellers. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sir *Franc. Drake.* } \\ \text{Mr. *Wharton.* } \end{array} \right\}$ for the yeas, 138.

And ſo it was reſolved in the
Affirmative.

Reſolved,

That a representation be therein made to His Majesty of the dangers that have and may ariſe from private advices, contrary to the Advice of this Parliament.

Reſolved,

That a representation be therein made to His Majesty, of the great danger the Nation lies under from the growth of Popery.

Reſolved,

That a representation be therein made to His Majesty, of the danger that may ariſe to His Majesty and the Kingdome, by the Nonobſervance of the Laws that have been made for preſervation of the Peace and Safety of the King and Kingdome : And it is referred to.

Sir *John Holbam.*

Mr. *Williams.*

Collonel *Birch.*

Sir *Henry Capel.*

Sir *Thomas Littleton.*

Sir *Joſeph Tredinham.*

Sir *Jo. Knight.*

Sir *Thomas Meers.*

Sir *William Hickman.*

Sir *John Trevor.*

Mr. Solicitor General.

Lord *Cavendiſh.*

Sir *Fran. Drake.*

Mr. *Zacheveril.*

Sir *Edward Deering.*

Mr. *Finch.*

Mr. *Powle.*

Sir *Jo. Mallet.*

Sir *Fran. Ruſſel.*

Sir *Nicholas Carew.*

Sir *Robert Howard.*

Sir *Jo. Talbot.*

Sir *Richard Temple.*

Sir *Tho. Clergis.*

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Sir Fran. Rolls.

Serjeant Gregory.

Mr. Hampden.

Mr. Swinfen.

Or any three of them, to prepare the said Address.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Martis 3^o die Decembris, 1678.

Collonel Birch reports from the Committee appointed to draw up Instructions for disbanding the forces : That the Committee had agreed upon several Heads, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same at the Clerks Table; where they were read and upon the Question agreed.

Resolved,

That it be referred to the said Committee, that drew up instructions for disbanding the Army, or any three of them, to prepare and draw up a Bill according to the same Instructions, and that a Clause be inserted therein with Penalties, in case they shall not separate and disband by the day therein to be limited, and a Clause likewise of their Indemnity for their continuing since they were to have been disbanded, and that Sir Thomas Clergis, and all the Gentlemen of the long Robe be added to the said Committee, and they are to meet this afternoon at two of the Clock in the Speakers Chamber.

Ordered,

That the Bill for better conviction of Popish Recusants be read to morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

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Mercurii 4^a die Decembris, 1678.

MR. Secretary Coventry acquaints the House, that he had a Message from His Majesty in writing, which he delivered into Mr. Speaker, who read the same to the House, and is as followeth,

Charles Rex,

His Majesty, to prevent all misunderstandings that may arise from His not passing the late Bill of the Militia is pleased to declare, that He will readily assent to any Bill of that kind, which shall be tendred to Him for the Publick Security of the Kingdome by the Militia, so as the whole Power of calling, continuing or not continuing of them together during the time limited be left to His Majesty to do therein, as He shall find most expedient for the Publick Safety.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to inspect Precedents touching the Methods and Proceedings of Parliaments in passing of Bills, and to inquire whether according to the Methods of Parliament a Bill may be brought in for making the Militia more useful, and to report their Opinion to the House.

And it is referred to

Sir Robert Markham.

Sir Jos. Ash.

Sir John Trevor.

Sir Jo. Holham.

Mr. Williams.

Mr. Hugh Boscawen.

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Sir Charles Musgrave.

Sir Charles Herbert.

Mr. Zacheveril.

Lord Allington.

Mr. Swinfen.

Sir George Downing.

And they are to meet at three of the Clock this afternoon in the Speakers Chamber, and are impow-
ered to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Resolved,

That the Pay-Master of the Army do give in a per-
ticular account to the Committee appointed to pre-
pare the Bill for disbanding the Army, to what time
every Regiment, Troop, and Company are paid,
and what is due and in arrear to them, and that the
Committee do make a computation of what will be
due to the said Forces, on the first day of *January*
next.

Mr. *Williams* reports from the Committee appoin-
ed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Ma-
jesty, for the securing all Papists, That the Committee
had agreed upon an Address, which he read in his
place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the
Clerks Table; where it was twice read, and with
some amendments made at the Table, upon the Que-
stion agreed: And is as follows,

*WE Your Majesties most dutifull and loyall Sub-
and Commons in
Parliament assembled, having sufficient Testimony of the
present dangers, threatening Your Majesties sacred Per-
son and Government, from the pernicious Plots and Con-
trivances of Popish Persons, universally spread over Your
Majesties Kingdome, do most humbly beseech Your Ma-
jesty, for the safety of your own Person, and security of
the publick Peace of the Kingdome, to command and re-
quire Your Majesties Sheriffes, Justices of the Peace, May-
ors, and other Magistrates within their severall and re-
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ative Counties, Cities and Places in England and Wales, to apprehend, disarm and secure all Popish Recusants, and all others, who shall or may be justly suspected Papists, and them to oblige in Recognizances with sufficient Bail to keep the Peace, and be of good Behaviour, and in default thereof, them to imprison, and to return the names of such Persons with their Recognizances to the next general Sessions of the Peace for their respective Limits, to proceed thereupon according to Law.

Resolved,

That the Concurrence of the Lords be desired to the said Address.

Ordered,

That the two Bills against Popery be read to morrow morning, the first business.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Jovis 5^o die Decembris, 1678.

Resolved,

THat Mr. Williams do go up to the Lords to desire their Concurrence to the Address yesterday agreed upon.

A Bill to prevent the growth of Popery was read the first and second time.

A Message from the Lords by Sir Timothy Baldwin and Sir Andrew Hacket.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to put you in mind of a Bill sometime since sent to this House, Entituled, *An Act for the better discovery, and more*

Speedy Conviction of Popish Recusants. It being a Bill which requires expedition in this time of danger.

Resolved,

That this House will impeach *Henry Lord Arundel* of *Wardor* of Treason, and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours.

Resolved,

That this House will impeach *William Earl of Ponis* of Treason, and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours.

Resolved,

That this House will impeach *John Lord Bellasis* of Treason, and other High Crimes, &c.

Resolved,

That this House will impeach *William Lord Petres* of Treason, and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours.

Resolved,

That this House will impeach *William Viscount Stafford* of Treason, and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours,

Ordered,

That *Mr. Michael Wharton* do carry up an impeachment to the Lords against *Henry Lord Arundel* of *Wardor*, to the effect following.

My Lords,

The Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received information of divers traiterous Practices and Designs of a great Peer of this House, Henry Lord Arundel of Wardor, have commanded me to impeach the said Henry Lord Arundel of Wardor of Treason and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours: And I do in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of England, impeach Henry Lord Arundel of Wardor of Treason and other High Crimes and Misdemeanours.

They have further commanded me to acquaint your Lord-
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ships. that they will within convenient time exhibit to your Lordships the Articles of the Charge against him.

Ordered,

That Mr. Banister Maynard do carry up an impeachment to the Lords against *William Earl of Powis* to the effect following.

My Lords,

The Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received information of divers traiterous Practices and Designs of a great Peer of this House, William Earl of Powis have commanded me to impeach the said William Earl of Powis, &c. (ut ante.)

Ordered,

That Mr. Thyn do carry up an impeachment to the Lords against *John Lord Bellasis* to the effect following,

My Lords,

The Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received Information of divers traiterous Practices and Designs of a great Peer of this House John Lord Bellasis, have commanded me to impeach the said John Lord Bellasis, &c.

Ordered,

That Sir Scroop How do carry up an impeachment to the Lords against *William Viscount Stafford* to the effect following.

My Lords,

The Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received information of divers traiterous Practices and Designs of a great Peer of this House, William Viscount Stafford have commanded me to impeach the said William Viscount Stafford, &c.

Ordered

That Sir Philip Warwick do carry up an impeachment to the Lords to the effect following, against *William Lord Petres.*

My Lords,

The Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received Information of divers traiterous Practices and Designs of a great Peer of this House, William Lord Peters, have commanded me to impeach the said William Lord Petres of Treason, and other High Crimes, &c. They have further commanded me to acquaint your Lordships, that they will in convenient time exhibit to your Lordships the Articles of the Charge against Him.

Resolved,

Whereas the said Peers are already under Commitment, that therefore this House will not desire the Lords, that they may be sequestred from Parliament, and committed to safe Custody, as is usual in Cases of the like nature.

Mr. *Wharton* acquaints the House, that he had attended the Lords, and delivered what he had in charge against *Henry Lord Arundel of Wardor*.

Mr. *Thyn* acquaints the House, that according to the direction of the House, he had attended the Lords and delivered what he had in charge against *John Lord Bellasis*.

Mr. *Mynard* acquaints the House, that he had attended the Lords, and delivered what he had in charge against *William Earl of Powis*.

Sir *Scroop How* acquaints the House, that he had attended the Lords and delivered what he had in charge against *William Viscount Stafford*.

Sir *Phillip Warwick* acquaints the House that according to the direction of the House, he had attended the Lords, and delivered what he had in charge against *William Lord Petres*.

Resolved,

That the Committee formerly appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment against *Henry Lord Arundel of Wardor*, do prepare and draw up Articles

cles against the said several persons impeached by the House, and that the informations, given in by Mr. Oates and Mr. Bedloe be delivered over to them for that purpose, and it is particularly recommended to the care of,

Serjeant Maynard.

Mr. Williams.

Mr. Soliciter General.

Mr. Zacheveril.

Sir Jo. Trevor.

And they are to meet this afternoon at five of the Clock in the *Speakers* Chamber, and are impowred to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed to prepare the said Articles: Do most humbly beseech His Majesty that all the Papers and Writings relating to the Plot and Conspiracy now under examination, may be delivered to the said Committee.

Resolved,

That Sir Jo. Trevor do repair to Mr. Oates, and know of him how far His Majesties Commands for taking off the Restraint upon him, are observed.

Resolved,

That the Bill to prevent the growth of Popery be read a second time to morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Veneris 6^o die Decembris, 1678.

SIR Trevor Williams acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the order of the House he went to Mr. Oates, who told him that he was not permitted to discourse with any person, but in the presence of his Guards; that thereupon he went to Collonel Howard who commands the said Guards

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and shewed him His Majesties Message to this House concerning Mr. *Oates*. And that Collonel *Howard* told him he had never been made acquainted with His Majesties pleasure therein, and that Collonel *Howard* did immediately go to His Majesty to receive his Commands, and that Collonel *Howard* did acquaint him that His Majesty was pleased, that any Member of the House of Commons, or any person by their order, or from any Committee, or any of the Clerks belonging to the House, might have free liberty to discourse with him in private, but His Majesty did not think fit that any persons should be admitted to come to him.

Resolved,

That this House being informed that notwithstanding His Majesties gracious condescension to the Address of this House in relation to Mr. *Oates* he hath still been deprived of the benefit thereof, that it is therefore the humble desire of this House, that Mr. *Oates* may be at full Liberty to converse with all persons whatsoever in private, and that he may not be interrupted or overheard by the Guards of any other person whatsoever, and that all restraint may be taken off from him, unless the Guard which may attend him for the security of his person only without his Chamber.

Resolved,

That this Vote be presented to His Majesty by such Members as are of His Majesties Privy Council.

A Bill for the more easie and speedy conviction of Popish Recusants, &c. was read the first time,

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

A message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *Andrew Hacket*.

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Mr. Speaker.

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the last Address sent from this House, and have appointed the Lords of the White Staff to attend His Majesty to know His pleasure, when both Houses may present the said Address, which when they know they will communicate to this House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbatis 7^o. die Decembris, 1678.

MR. Speaker acquaints the House, that he was present when the Address of this House concerning Mr. Oates was delivered, and that His Majesty was pleased to declare, that he thought he had made that Provision for Mr. Oates, that would rather be an encouragement to any other person to come in, then a discouragement to Mr. Oates, and that His Majesty was pleased to declare that Mr. Oates should have free Liberty, that the Guards should be for securing of his person only.

That he had likewise acquainted His Majesty, (that it was not by Order of the House) of the Entry, that was made of His Majesties Answer to the Address concerning the calling over the Forces out of *Flanders*, and that His Majesty was pleased to declare, that he never gave any order for such Answer, but that His intention was only in relation to the Forces that were in *Flanders*, and the circumstances as to those Forces were altered since that time, and that His Majesty had already given Orders for calling them over in order to their disbanding.

A Bill for the more easie and speedy conviction of Popish Recusants, and for the more effectual putting the Laws in execution against them, was read the second time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be committed to

Mr. Williams.

Mr. Boscawen.

Sir Anth. Irby.

Sir Henry Capel.

Sir Jervas Elwes.

Sir Robert Sawyer.

Coll. Titus.

Mr. Wright.

Mr. Finch.

Sir Edm. Jennings.

Sir Gilbert Gerrard.

Mr. Waller.

Sir John Hobart.

Sir Thomas Meeres.

Sir John Trevor.

Sir Jo. Holland.

Resolved,

That the said Committee do bring in a clause, that if any Popish Recusant convict shall receive any Commission, he shall be deemed a Felon, and shall be pursued, apprehended, and executed as such.

Resolved,

That a Clause be brought in that all Commissions granted or to be granted to Popish Recusants convict shall be declared void.

Resolved,

That a Clause be brought in that all Foreigners that shall receive Commissions or appear in Arms shall be in the same state and condition as Popish Recusants convict receiving Commissions, or appearing in Arms as aforesaid.

Resolved,

That a Clause be brought in, that such offenders shall not be Pardoned, but by Act of Parliament.

Col. Birch reports from the Committee appointed

to take an account of what has been paid to the Forces, that are to be disbanded.

That a Committee had agreed upon a Report to be made to the House, which is as follows.

Resolved,

That it be reported to the House, That by the Accompts delivered them by Mr. *Kingdom*, Pay-Master of the Army, it appears, that upon the first day of *January* next, there will be due to the Forces now to be disbanded, whether in *England* or beyond the Seas, the sum of 148686 *l.* 8 *s.* 2 *d.*

Resolved,

That it be reported to the House, that in the sum the Cloaths delivered to the Souldiers, whether Horse or Foot, for eight months will be discounted and paid for by the Souldier to his Officer, who stands engaged for them, so that the Foot Souldier, at the same time of his disbanding, will receive onely six pence a day, and the Horse and Dragoons their severall proportions, the rest being set off, as it hath already been since the first of *May* last, towards payment for their Cloaths respectively.

Resolved,

That it be reported to the House, That notwithstanding the defalcations aforesaid, there will on the first day of *January* next remain unpaid of the Cloaths one third part of the whole sum, which was to have been defalked from the Souldiers in twelve months, had they stood so long, but being continued only eight moneths there will be unsatisfied the sum of 33000 *l.* which the Officers do affirm to this Committee they stand engaged for.

Resolved,

That this House will on *Monday* next resolve into a Committee of the whole House, and that the Report now made be referred to the consideration of the
said

said Committee, and they are to consider of a way for raising money to disband the Army.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin*, and Sir *Andrew Hacket*.

Mr. Speaker.

We are commanded to acquaint you, that his Majesty has appointed both Houses to attend him at three of the Clock this afternoon in the Banqueting House concerning the last Address.

Resolved,

That this House will on *Wednesday* morning next resolve into a Committee of the whole House to consider how to preserve the Protestant Religion, and Peace of the Kingdom in case a Prince of another Religion should succeed.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Lunæ 9^o die Decembris, 1678.

M*R. Speaker* acquaints the House, that he attended His Majesty on *Saturday* last in the Banqueting House at *Whitehal*, and after my Lord Chancellor had read the address to the King: His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, *That He would issue out His Proclamation according to the Address.*

The House then resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a way for raising money to disband the Forces.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *William Bensham* and Sir *John Hoskins*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with the House

House in the Painted Chamber about business of importance.

The Messengers being withdrawn.

Resolved,

That the House doth agree to a present Conference.

The Messengers being called in.

Mr. Speaker acquaints them that the House had agreed to meet the Lords at a present Conference in the Painted Chamber.

Resolved, That

Sir *Tho. Lee.*

Sir *Thomas Meers.*

Sir *Jo. Talbot.*

Sir *Edward Deering.*

Sir *Edmond Jennings.*

Col *Titus.*

Sir *Jos. Tredinham.*

Mr. *Powle.*

Col. *Birch.*

Mr. *Solicitor General.*

Mr. *Sacheveril.*

Sir *Richard Temple.*

Do attend and manage the Conference.

Sir *Tho. Lee* reports from the Conference had with the Lords, that my Lord Privy Seal did manage the Conference, and that what was offered at it, was as follows.

The Lords have desired this Conference with the House of Commons to acquaint them, that being informed, that His Majesty had sent Orders for withdrawing the Forces out of *Flanders* in order to their disbanding, many difficulties and dangers do occur to their Lordships, if such Rules and Orders be not established by consideration and advice of both Houses, that the disbanding may be made with safety, which their Lordships conceive cannot be by bringing such a Power together to the Forces already here; and therefore do propose, that the Forces here may not be increased by the accession of more from abroad, but that a proportionable number of those here may be disbanded before the Regiments from *Flanders* shall arrive, and that after consideration hereof by
the

Commons by joynt advice of both Houses a Reglement, may be made accordingly.

Resolved,

That the consideration of the report from the Conference be adjourned till to morrow morning.

The House then again resolved into a Committee of the whole House to consider of raising money to disband the Forces.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir John Trevor reports from the said Committee, that they had taken the matter into consideration, and agreed upon two Votes, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where they were twice read, and upon the Question severally agreed: And are as followeth.

Resolved,

That the money for paying and disbanding the Forces shall be raised by a Land Tax.

Resolved,

That the Tax shall commence from the twenty fourth of *November* last, to be raised after the rate of 17205*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* by the moneth for twelve Moneths.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for disbanding the Forces do bring in a Bill pursuant to the said Votes, and they are to bring in a Clause therein, for borrowing money upon the credit of the said Act.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed to draw up Articles against the five Lords, do sit *de die in Diem*.

A Petition of *Sir Jonathan Trelawney*, a Member of this House, now Prisoner in the Tower was read.

Mr.

Mr. *Speaker* acquaints the House that Sir *Jonathan Trelawny*, had according to the order of the House passed his promise not to prosecute the Quarrel any further by himself or his friends.

Resolved,

Upon reading the Petition of Sir *Jonathan Trelawney*, setting forth that he being very sickly, his Indisposition is very much encreased by reason of his confinement, and that he is advised by his Physicians, that it is absolutely necessary for the recovery of his health, to have the liberty of a better Air, and praying, that in order to his Recovery, he may have his liberty during the pleasure of the House. That Mr. *Speaker* be desired to signify to the Lieutenant of the Tower: That it is the pleasure of this House that Sir *Jonathan Trelawney* shall have liberty to go into the Country, in order to the recovery of his health, giving security to the said Lieutenant to return again upon the order of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Martis 10^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Speaker* do issue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a new Burgeſſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Montgomery* in the Room of *Henry Lord Herbert*, called up to the Houſe of Lords.

An engroſſ Bill ſent from the Lords, Entituled, *An Act for the better diſcovery and more ſpeedy conviction of Popiſh Recuſants*, was read the ſecond time.

A Bill for preventing the growth of Popery, was read the second time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be committed to the Committee, to whom the Bill for more easie conviction of Popish Recufants stands committed, and that

Mr. Brown.

Sir Jo. Cotton, and

Mr. Pepys.

Sir Jo. Mallet

Be added to the Committee.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do bring in a Clause to be added to the said Bill, the better to enable the Universities to recover their Rights to Advowsons of Livings, that are in the hands of the Papists.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Mercurii 11^o die Decembris, 1678.

A Bill for granting a supply to His Majesty for disbanding the Forces, was read the first time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read the second time to morrow morning.

Sir Robert Holmes acquaints the House that the King has commanded him immediately to repair to his Government, and therefore desired leave of the House.

Ordered

That Sir Robert Holmes have leave to go to his Government according to His Majesties Command.

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Resolved,

That the House be called over on *Wednesday* next, and that such Members as do not then appear shall be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms, and that such Members, shall not take their places until they have paid the Serjeant his Fees and charges.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thomas Wharton*, having departed the Service of the House without leave, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That

Mr. *William Coventry.*

Sir *Jo. Stapeley.*

Mr. *Booth.*

Mr. *Onslowe.*

Sir *Jo. Rolls.*

Sir *William Moor.*

Sir *Adam Brown.*

Mr. *Mallack.*

Serj. *Rigby.*

Sir *Richard Everard,* and

Sir *Henry Goring.*

Sir *Eliab Harvey,*

Sir *William Thomas.*

Having departed the Service of the House without leave be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered,

That the Members now sent for in custody, notwithstanding they shall escape the Arrest, shall not be admitted to take their places in the House, until they have paid the Serjeant his Fees and charges.

Resolved,

That that the House will adjourn for Christmas Eve and Christmas day only.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of this House, and see what due Entries be there made, and make a report of the mistakes and Errors therein every *Munday* morning: And it is referred to

Sir *Rob. Kemp.*

Sir *Fran. Drake.*

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Mr.

Mr. Spry.

Sir Trevor Williams.

Sir Jo. Birkenhead.

Sir Jo. Pettus.

Mr. Zacheveril.

Sir Thomas Clergis.

Mr. Papillon.

Sir Thomas Meers.

Or any three of them.

Ordered,

That the orders of the House be drawn up every day and read the next day morning, before they be entred in the Journal.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Jovis 12^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THat the Lord *Scudamore* and Doctor *Arris* having departed the Service of the House without leave be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

A Bill for granting a supply to His Majesty for disbanding the Forces, was read the second time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A message from the Lords by Sir *William Beversham* and Sir *John Hoskins*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords having passed a Bill for the better discovery and more easie conviction of Popish Recusants and sent it down to the House some time since, and conceiving it to be a Bill of great Importance their Lordships, have thought fit to remind this House of it.

Ordered,

That

That Sir *William Smith*, and Sir *Jo. Otway* have leave to go into the Country.

Resolved,

That Colonel *Birch*, Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, and Colonel *Whitley*, shall be Commissioners for paying off, and disbanding the Forces.

Resolved,

That the blank for allowance to the Commissioners, their Clerks and Servants shall be filled up with one penny.

The House then resolved into a Committee of the whole House to proceed upon the Bill for granting a supply to His Majesty, for paying off and disbanding the Forces raised and called over from beyond the Seas since 29th. of September, 1677.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir *John Trevor* reports from the said Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bill, and humbly moved from the said Committee that the House would again resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House, further to proceed upon the said Bill.

Resolved,

That this will House to morrow morning at ten of the Clock resolve into a Committee of the whole House, further to proceed upon the Bill, for granting a supply to His Majesty, for disbanding the Forces raised since 29th. Sept. 1677.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock;

Veneris 13^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THat Mr. *Pit*, Sir *John Stroud*, Col. *Titus*, and Mr. *Faunt*, having departed the service of the House

without leave, be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Steward* and Mr. *Blacket* have leave to go into the Country.

Mr. *Speaker* reports that he had examined the matter, touching the breach of Priviledge against Sir *Philip Monckton*, a Member of this House, in arresting and detaining *Timothy Remington* his menial Servant.

That the Under Sheriff did acknowledge, that the said *Timothy Remington* was arrested, and is still in custody; but that he did not know him to be the Servant of Sir *Phillip Monckton* at the time of the arrest, and that the said Sir *Phillip Monckton* did own the said *Timothy Remington* to be his menial Servant, and that he was imployed in selling of Corn and other things for him, and desired the priviledge of the House.

Ordered,

That the said *Timothy Remington* be discharged from his imprisonment by warrant from Mr. *Speaker*.

The House then resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House, further to proceed upon the Bill for granting a Supply to His Majesty.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Sir *John Trevor* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Sir *John Trevor* reports from the said Committee, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several amendments, and that he was ready to report them, when the House should order it.

Ordered.

That the Report be made to morrow morning.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *William Beversham* and Sir *Edward Lee*.

Mr. *Speaker*, The Lords have sent you down a Bill,
Enti-

Entituled, *An Act disabling Popish Recusants to use or exercise certain Professions and Trades, and compelling them to remove from the Cities of London and Westminster: To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbatis 14^o. die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THAT Sir *Iohn Salisbury* and Col. *Sandys* have leave to go into the Country.

Sir *Lo. Trevor* reports from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for granting *A Supply to His Majesty for disbanding the Forces*. Several amendments agreed upon by the Committe, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was twice read and with some amendments made at the Table upon the Question severally agreed.

A Clause with a Blank for a free gift to the Soldiers being presented to be made part of the Bill, and twice read.

The Question being put that the blank should be filled up with ten shillings for every foot Soldier, and foot Granadeer, under the Degree of a Commission Officer.

The House divided. The Yeas go forth.

Tellers	{ Mr. <i>Spry</i> .	{ for the Noes 108.
	{ Sir <i>Cha. Wheeler</i> .	

Tellers	{ Mr. <i>Palmer</i> .	{ for the Yeas 111.
	{ Sir <i>John Fag</i> .	

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

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That

That the said Clause be made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was presented to be added to the Bill, and twice read, and upon the Question, agreed to be made part of the Bill.

Resolved,

That the Bill, together with the several Clauses and amendments agreed to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That the first twelve Persons of the Committee appointed to draw up the Impeachment against the five Lords, *Viz.*

Mr. *Williams.*

Sir *Thomas Meers.*

Serjeant *Maynard.*

Mr. *Powle.*

Sir *Iohn Holland.*

Sir *John Trevor.*

Mr. Solicitor General.

Sir *Robert Sawyer.*

Mr. *Zacheveril.*

Serjeant *Gregory.*

Sir *Thomas Stringer.*

Sir *Thomas Lee.*

Be appointed a Committee of Secrecie to draw up the Impeachments, and prepare the evidence against the said Lords.

The House being made acquainted by Mr. *Speaker*, that Mr. *Vaughan* was the thirteenth Person.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vaughan* be added to the said Committee.

A Petition of *Daniel Giles* was presented and read to the House.

Resolved,

That the consideration of the said Petition be adjourned till *Monday* morning, and that the Petitioner do then attend to own the said Petition.

Ordered,

That the Pay Master, Muster Master, Collonel, or next Commission Officer (if such Collonel or Commission Officer shall now be within twenty miles of the Cities of *London*) of every Regiment, Troop, Company, or any part of any Troop or Company, whether

whether Horse, Foot, Dragoones, or Granadeers now to be disbanded, do forthwith under their Hands and Seals, make up Books of the respective Sums of money, which will be due the first of *Ianuary* next, with the names of every such Officer and Souldier particularly, who are to receive the same, and upon what Muster it becomes so due, deducting the ordinary proportions from every particular Souldier, for the paying for Cloaths, and to return the same Books to this House, with all speed, and likewise the like particular account of what will be then due to such general Officers, as have received their Commissions since the 29. of *September* 1677, and have taken the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and subscribed the Declaration, mentioned in an Act of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for preventing Dangers, which may happen from Popish Recusants.*

And then the House adjourned till Monday morning eight of the Clock.

Lunæ 16^o. die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That Serjeant *Hardress*, Sir *Iohn Shaw*, and Mr. *Henry Berty*, having departed the Service of the House without leave, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms, and shall not be admitted to take their places, until they have paid the Serjeant his fees and Charges.

Mr. *Daniel Giler* was called in to the Bar, and did own his Petition preferred to this House, on *Saturday* last.

A Petition in the name of *Peter Middleton*, *Herman Stubbs*, *David Stolley*, *Wickman Lastrop*, and several others

thers *Hamburgers*, *Polanders*, and *Dantzicks*, Owners of the Cargo lately loaden on board the Ship *Prosperous*, whereof *John Read* was Master was presented to be read, and the House being informed, That Mr. *Peter Bar*, and Mr. *Michael Sivers* were Agents or Factors, for the said Petitioners, and were ready at the door to own the said Petition.

And Mr. *Peter Bar* and Mr. *Michael Sivers*, being called, in Mr. *Bar* did on behalf of *Wickman Lastrop*, own the said Petition, and said he was authorized thereto by Letter, which he took to be in the Nature of a Letter of Attorney from the said Petitioner. And Mr. *Sivers* did on behalf of the rest of the Petitioners own the said Petition, and said that he was likewise authorized thereunto by Letters, which he took to be in the Nature of Letters of Attorney from the said Petitioners.

And Mr. *Bar* and Mr. *Syvers* being withdrawn.

Resolved,

That the further consideration of the said Petition be adjourn'd.

An engrossed Bill for granting a supply to his Majesty for paying off and disbanding the forces raised since 29th. of September 1677 was read the third time.

An Enacting Clause in Parliament was presented and thrice read to the House.

Resolved,

That the said Clause be added to the Bill.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for granting A supply to his Majesty of 206462*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* for the effectual paying off and disbanding all the forces raised or brought over from Foreign parts into the Kingdome since the 29th. of September 1677. and that Sir. *Jo. Trevor* do carry up the Bill to the Lords.

And

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Martis 17^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That Sir *Tho. Hatton* having departed the service of the House without leave be sent for in custody of the Serjant at Armes.

An Engroft Bill sent from the Lords entituled an Act disabling Popish recusants to use or exercise certain professions and Trades, and compelling them to remove from the Citties of *London* and *Westminster* was read the first time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered,

That Sir *Rob. Southwell* do forthwith repair to Mr. Attorney General with the five Letters directed to Mr. *Benefeild* at *Windsor*.

Ordered,

That Sir *Philip Harcourt*, and Mr. *Mornaton* have leave to go into the Countrey.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Mercurii 18. die Decembris, 1678.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Lacon William Child* and Sir *Samuel Clerk*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have sent you down a Bill, Entituled,
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An Act for the more effectual preventing the sending or going of the Children of Popish Recusants into parts beyond the Seas, out of the Kings obedience, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That

Sir Lancelot Lake and Sir Charles Gawdy, have leave to go into the Country.

Ordered, That

Mr. Acreece.

Sir Richard Edgcomb.

Sir Charles Smith.

Sir Io. Arundel.

Sir Io. Carew.

Mr. Hender Roberts.

Mr. Franc. Butler.

Mr. Io. Butler.

Sir William Godolphin.

Sir Ion. Trelawney.

Sir Charles Trevanion.

Sir Tho. Herle.

Mr. Francis Roberts.

Mr. James Prade.

Mr. Ion. Rashley.

Mr. Io. Elliot.

Mr. Edward Elliot.

Mr. Humphrey Burlace.

Sir George Fletcher.

Sir Wilf. Lawson.

Sir Richard Grayham.

Sir Io. Rolls.

Sir Coppleston Banfield.

Sir Edward Rainton.

Mr. James Rushout.

Sir Metc. Robinson.

Mr. Roger Talbot.

Mr. Henry Northleigh.

Mr. Io. Tregonwell.

Mr. Richard Leigh.

Sir Jeffrey Shakerley.

Mr. Rob. Leighton.

Mr. William Oakley.

Io. Lord Ross.

Sir Edward Phillips.

Sir Io. Barrington.

Sir Edward Littleton.

Mr. William Chetwyn.

Sir Cez. Calclough.

Sir Jo. Duncomb.

Sir George Courtbop.

Mr. Thomas Tuston.

Sir Jo. Backington.

Sir Lionel Jenkins.

Mr. Nich. Bagnal, and

Robert Buskley.

Having made default in attending the service of the House, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant-at Arms, attending this House.

The House then proceeded to call over the names of

the Members that made default in taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

The Question being put, whether Sir Richard Grayham and Sir John Duncomb be excused.

It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, representing to His Majesty the dangerous state and condition of the Nation, do hasten their report.

Resolved,

That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House having matters of great moment and importance before them, have resolved to Adtourn for Christmas Eve and Christmas day only during the Holydayes, and that Sir Thomas Lee do go up with the Message.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Jovis 19th die Decembris, 1678.

Complaint being made of a breach of Priviledge committed upon Sir Edm. Windham a Member of this House, by one George Heath in attaching his goods in the possession and keeping of Thomas Prumel his Coachman.

Resolved,

That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Priviledge, to examine the matter of the said Complaint, and report the same with their opinions therein to the House.

An engrossed Bill sent from the Lords, Entituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing the sending or going of the Children of Popish Recusants into parts beyond*

yond the Seas out of the Kings Obedience, was read the first time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a second time.

The House being informed of a Ryot committed by certain Soldiers, by one Mr. *Plucknet*.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to examine the matter of the said Ryot, and report the same with their opinions therein to the House : And it is referred to

Sir *Jo. Merton*,

Coll. *Titus*.

Mr. *Zacheveril*.

Sir *Eliab Harvey*.

Sir *Robert Markham*.

Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*.

Mr. *Progers*.

Sir *William Hickman*.

Sir *Richard Temple*.

Sir *Tho. Lee*.

Sir *Tho. Clergis*.

Mr. *Crouch*.

Mr. *West Falling*.

Sir *Edward Deering*.

Sir *Jo. Trevor*.

Sir *George Hungerford*.

Sir *Thomas Meers*.

Sir *Edm. Windham*.

Mr. *Vaughan*.

Mr. *Hampden*.

Sir *Henry Capel*.

Sir *Jo. Knight*.

Sir *Anth. Irby*.

Sir *Trevor Williams*.

Mr. *Powle*.

Collonel *Birch*.

Serj. *Gregory*.

Sir *Thomas Littleton*.

Sir *Fran. Drake*.

And they are to meet at four of the Clock in the afternoon in the *Speakers* Chamber, and are impowred to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Plucknet* be called in, and that Mr. *Speaker* do acquaint him, that he has done well in doing his duty and giving this Accompt to the House which was accordingly done.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer acquaints the House, That he was commanded by His Majesty to inform

inform the House, that His Majesty having received information, that His late Ambassador in *France*, Mr. *Mountague* a Member of this House, had held several private Conferences with the Popes Nuncio there, without any directions or Instructions from His Majesty, His Majesty to the end that he might know the Truth of that matter, had given Orders for the seizing Mr. *Mountagues* Papers.

Resolved,

That the House having this day received a Message from His Majesty, acquainting this House, that upon information against Mr. *Mountague*, a Member of this House, His Majesty had given orders for seizing the Papers of Mr. *Mountague* in order to a further discovery, this House cannot make any Judgement either in relation to their Member or the Priviledge of the House, which may be in a great measure invaded, unless His Majesty will be graciously pleased to let this House know, whether the information against Mr. *Mountague* was given upon Oath, and of what nature the offence is, that is thus complained of.

Ordered, That

The Lord *Cavendish*.

Sir *Tho. Meers*.

Sir *John Ernly*.

Mr. *Powle*.

Sir *Henry Capel*.

Col. *Titus*. and

Sir *Jo. Pelham*.

Mr *Harbord*.

Sir *Tho. Lee*.

Or any three of them do

immediately attend His Majesty with this Vote.

The Lord *Cavendish* Reports, That they had been to attend His Majesty with the Vote of this House relating to the information against Mr. *Mountague*, and that His Majesty sent them word out of the House of Lords, that he was at that time very busy, and that he had rather they would attend Him at *Whitehal*, when the House was up.

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Mr. *Mountague* acquaints the House, that he had in his custody several Papers, which he conceived might tend very much to the safety of His Majesties person and the preservation of the Kingdome.

Ordered, That

The Lord *Russel*, Sir *Scroop How*, and Sir *Henry Capel* do take Mr. *Mountagues* directions, and repair immediately to the place, where the said Writings are lodged, and bring the same to the House.

The Lord *Russel* acquaints the House, that in pursuance of the Order of the House, and according to Mr. *Mountagues* directions, they had brought a Box of Writings.

Ordered,

That the Box be opened, and that Mr. *Mountague* be present; and that he do select such Writings as he thinks may be for the service of the House, and dispose of all other writings, as he shall think fit.

Mr. *Mountague* presented a Letter to the House subscribed *Danby*, dated 17. *January* 1673, which was by Mr. Speaker read to the House, and is as follows, *Viz.*

London, 17th. Jan. 1673.

My Lord,

I Did by my Lord Dunbarton, write you at large all the Intelligence I could then give you, and there has been nothing worth the returning either your expresser with all; my Son Dunblane arrived here on Munday last, who delivered me your Letters, and acknowledges your very great kindneses to him, as I must do both for him and my self, who you have obliged by so many ways; your Intelligence concerning Monsieur Ravigny has not been the best of your
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favours; and hiserto his Sons steps, have been very suitable to your Information; for yesterday he came to me with Mounſieur Barillon (having given me his Fathers Letters the day before) and diſcourſt much upon the confidence his King hath of the firmneſs of ours to him, of the good opinion his Maſter hath of me, and of his Kings reſolution to condeſcend to any thing that is not infamous to him for the ſatisfaction of our King, how certainly our King may depend upon all ſorts of aſſiſtances and ſupplies from his Maſter in caſe the friendſhip be preſerved, and in ſhort went ſo far as to ſeem deſirous to have me underſtand (although he could not directly ſay it, that his Maſter might be brought to part with Valliencies and Conde, but never with Turnoy, and the main of their drift was to engage me to prevail with the King to prevail with the Prince of Orange as to that Town, and preſt the matter upon me, as a thing wherein they thought I had an Interſt of my own with the Prince of Orange, ſufficient to perſwade him to put an end to the War, by that means.

*I answered them (as is moſt true) that there is nothing, I am ſo deſirous of as the Peace, but I thought things were gone ſo far, as it was only in their Maſters Power to prevent the War, and that I could not contribute to any poſſible Expedient to that end: but that they muſt apply themſelves to the King himſelf, and when it came to my part, I ſhould be found to contradict nothing which might be equal for preſervation, of the friendſhip betwixt the two Kings; from me they went immediately to the King, who tells me their diſcourſe was the ſame they had held with me, and at laſt, he deſired that whatever Expedient they had to propoſe to him, might be put in writing for him to conſider, and thus it ſtands at this time. As to the Officers you mention, who the King aſſures himſelf to be) he has taken further time to reſolve of his Answer, and as to our main points of Peace
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and War, it will certainly depend upon the King of France, his consenting to the first propositions, our King being engaged to oppose any party that shall refuse them, nor will the time for that consideration be much longer, since it will be impossible, but the King must come to some Declaration of his mind to the Parliament when it meets; that which makes the hopes of Peace yet less probable, is that the Duke grows every day less inclined to it, and has created a greater indifferency in the King, then I could have imagined, which being added to the French Kings resolution not to part with Turnay, do, I confess, make me despair of any accommodation: Nevertheless, I am assured that one principal cause of the adjournment for thirteen dayes has been to see if any expedient for the peace could have been found in that time, and the effect of the Adjournment hath hitherto been, that no body will now believe other then that the Peace, is already concluded betwixt Us and France, I am

My Lord,

Your Excellencies most humble,
and most obedient Servant.

DANBY.

Mr. Mountague delivered in another Letter subscribed Danby, and Dated from London the 25th. of March 1678. which was by Mr. Speaker, likewise read to the House: And is as follows.

My Lord,

Since my writing to you by Mr. Erisbon, the resolutions have been altered, as to the sending you Instructions as yet for the proposing any thing to the French King, the particulars which will be consented to, on the part of the Confederates (and of which there is a Copy) will

will be communicated to you, by Mr. Secretary Coven-
try) but you will have no other directions from him a-
bout them, but only thereby to be enabled to find the
pulse of that King or his Ministers at least against the
time that you shall receive orders, to make the proposals
to him; that you may know from whence the nicety of
this affair proceeds, it is necessary to inform you, that
for fear of its being ill resented by the Parliament here,
the King will not make any proposals at all of Peace,
unless he shall be prest to it by the Confederates; and
although by Mr. Godolphin, he is sufficiently informed
that they desire the Peace upon the terms sent you by the
Secretary: Yet not having received that desire formerly,
the Counsel will not advise His Majesty, to let His Am-
bassadour propose that which he is not formally impow-
ered to make good, and so by staying by that formal power,
which by Letter His Majesty is sufficiently authorized to
propose, the time will be lost of effecting the Peace, if at
all it can be had; to supply this defect therefore, and
to prevent the Kings sending again into Holland, before
he know the mind of France, I am commanded by His
Maj. ty to let you know, that you are to make the pro-
positions inclosed to the King of France, and to tell
him, that the King will undertake for seeing them made
good on the part of Spain and Holland, in case they
shall be accepted by him, and their Answer you must
write the same thing to the Secretary by way onely
of having felt the Kings pulse, which you must do to
the King as a full Answer from the King of France,
and such a one as His Majesty may depend upon, what-
ever that shall be, for the more dextrous management of
this matter, the King is advised to shew these Propositi-
ons to Monsieur Barillon, but not to give him a Copy,
so that by the strength of memory, it is expected he shall
write to his Master, and by that means are we to hope
for an answer of this vast Importance, and consequently

you may imagine what a satisfaction we are like to reap from it when it comes, I doubt not but by our conduct, it will be brought to a speedy issue, which is of as great importance as the thing it self, there being no condition worse for His Majesty then His standing unresolved betwixt Peace and War: I find by Mounsieur Barillon, that 'tis like some places, which are Dependencies upon greater Towns may be demanded by the King of France, but if he intend the Peace (which you will do very well to know his mind fully in it) you may justly say you hope will neither stand upon single place, though a fortified one, nor upon any place unfortified, which is dependent upon those which are to be restored to Spain, and if any thing should be moved about Scicily, to remain in the French hands, until the Peace of Sweden be concluded, you are onely to say you are not Impowred to say any thing upon it. And you are confident the King has done all he could to get the utmost conditions they would consent to; only you are to say that the King has sent again about conditions, not being well satisfied that they have not left it in his Power to give or refuse as he should have found convenient, and hopes still for some good Answer; in case the conditions of the Peace shall be accepted, the King expects to have six Millions of Livers yearly for three years from the time that this Agreement shall be signed betwixt His Majesty and the King of France, because it will be two or three years before he can hope to find His Parliament in an humour to give him supplies after the having made any Peace with France, as the Ambassadour here has agreed to that sum, but not for so long a time; if you find the Peace will not be accepted, you are not to motion the money at all, and all possible care must be taken to have this whole Negotiation, as private as is possible, for fear of giving offence at home, where for the most part, we hear it ten days after any thing that is communicated to the French
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Ministers: I must again repeat to you, that whatever you write upon this Subject to the Secretary (to whom you must not mention a syllable of the money) you must say only as a thing you believe they will consent to, if you had power formally to make those demands; pray inform your self to the bottom of what is to be expected from France, and assure them that you believe this will be the last time that you shall receive any proposition of Peace, if this be rejected, as indeed I believe it will; so that you may take your own measure, as well as the Kings upon it, I am

Your Excellencies most faithful
and most obedient Servant.

DANBT.

The Question being propounded, that there is sufficient matter of Impeachment against my Lord Treasurer, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare and draw up Articles against the said Lord Treasurer: And it is referred to,

Lord Cavendish.

Mr. Saecheveril.

Mr. Williams.

Sir Thomas Clergis.

Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. Hampden.

Sir Edward Deering.

Mr. Mountague.

Sir Thomas Meeres.

Mr. Bennet.

Mr. Powle.

Mr. Soliciter General.

Coll. Titus.

Sir Eliab Harvey.

Mr. Harbord.

Sir John Trevor.

Sir Robert Sawyer.

Sir Thomas Lee.

Sir William Coventry.

Sir Nich. Carew.

Serjeant Maynard.

Sir Thomas Littleton.

Or any five of them, and they are impowered to send for Persons, Papers and Records, and to receive

any further Information or Evidence, and it is particularly recommended to the care of the Lord Cavendish and Mr. Williams, and that the Letters now read be delivered to their hands, and that they do produce the same to morrow morning to be entred in the Journal.

Resolved,

That Mr. Speaker shall not at any time adjourn the House without a Question first put, if it be insisted upon.

Resolved,

That this Resolution be entred into the Journal as a standing Order of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Veneris 10^o die Decembris, 1678.

AN Englost Bill sent from the Lords, Entitled, *An Act for the effectual preventing the sending, or going of the Children of Popish Recusants into parts beyond the Seas out of the Kings obedience* was read the second time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be committed to the Committee, to whom the three Bills against Popery stand committed.

The Lord Cavendish acquaints the House, That His Majesty had been attended this morning with the Vote of this House relating to the information against Mr. Mountague, and that His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, *That He did intend to communicate to this House the matter of the Information against Mr. Mountague, and will do it when he thinks convenient.*

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Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, that he had received a Letter from the Lord Treasure, which he read to the House, whereby it was intimated, that he had sent two Letters inclosed, written by Mr. Mountagne, which he conceived to be for the use of the House, and which Letters were by Mr. Speaker read to the House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the clock.

Sabbatis 21^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

THat Mr. Speaker do issue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament, for the Borough of *Tarmouth* in the County of *Southampton* in the Room of *Richard Luey, Esq;* deceased.

A Message from the Lords by *Sir Andrew Hacket,* and *Sir John Francklin.*

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords have commanded us to attend you, with the Bill, Entituled, *An Act for granting a Supply to His Majesty of 206462 l. 17 s. 3 d. for the effectual paying off and disbanding the forces raised and brought over from foreign parts into this Kingdom since the 29 of September, 1677. with several amendments:* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said Amendments.

The first and second Amendments being read a second time, and the Question being severally put for agreeing with the Lords in the said Amendments;

It passed in the Negative.

The third Amendment being read a second time, was upon the Question agreed to.

The rest of the Amendments to the six and twentieth line in the sixteenth skin; being read a second time, and the Question being severally put for agreeing with the Lords in the said Amendments. It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare and draw up Reasons to be offered at a Conference to be had with the Lords, why this House cannot agree with the Lords in several Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for granting a Supply to His Majesty for paying off and disbanding the Forces: and it is referred to,

Sir William Coventry.

Mr. Solicitor General.

Sir Thomas Lee.

Sir Thomas Littleton.

Sir Eliab. Haruey.

Sir John Trevor.

Mr. Vaughan.

Sir Richard Temple.

Or any five of them.

Mr. Williams reports from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment against the Lord Treasurer, That the Committee had agreed upon several Articles, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same was read, and is as follows.

ARTICLES of Impeachment of High Treason, and other High Crimes Misdemeanours and Offences, against Thomas Earl of Danby Lord High Treasurer of England.

I. That he hath Trayterously encroached to himself Regal power by treating in matters of Peace and War

War with Foreign Princes and Embassadors, and giving Instructions to his Majesties Embassadors abroad without communicating the same to the Secretaries of State and the rest of His Majesties Council against the expresse Declaration of His Majesty and his Parliament, thereby intending to defeat and overthrow the propositions which had been deliberately made by His Majesty and his Parliament for the safety and preservation of His Majesties Kingdomes and Dominions.

II. That he hath Trayterously endeavoured to subvert the antient and well established form of Government; and instead thereof to introduce an Arbitrary and Tirannical way of Government; and the better to effect this his purpose, he did design the raising of an Army upon pretence of a War against the French King, and then to continue the same as a standing Army within this Kingdome; and an Army being so raised and no War ensuing, an Act of Parliament having past to pay off and disband the same, and a great sum of Money being granted for that end, he did continue this Army contrary to the said Act and misemployed the Money given for disbanding, to the continuance thereof, and issued out of His Majesties Revenue divers great sums of Money for that purpose, and willfully neglected to take security from the Paymasters of the Army, as the said Act required, whereby the said Law is eluded and the Army still continued to the great danger and unnecessary charge of his Majesty and the whole Kingdome.

III. That he Trayterously intending to alienate the hearts and affections of His Majesties good subjects from his Royal person and Government, and to hinder the meeting of Parliaments, and to deprive His Majesty of their safe and wholesome Counsels and

thereby to alter the constitution of the Government of this Kingdome, did propose and negotiate a Peace for the French King upon terms disadvantageous to the Intereit of His Majesty and his Kingdomes, for the doing whereof he did intend to procure a great sum of Money from the French King for enabling him to maintaine his Trayterous designes on purpose to the hazard of His Majesties person and the Government.

IV. That he is Popishly affected, and hath Trayterously concealed after he had notice of the late horrid Plot or Conspiracy contrived by the Papists against his Majesties person and Government and hath suppressed the Evidence and reproachfully discountenanced the Kings Witnesses in the discovery of it in favour of Popery, immediately tending to the destruction of the Kings Sacred Person and Subversion of the Protestant Religion.

V. That he hath wasted the Kings Treasure by issuing out of his Majesties Exchequer and several branches of his Revenue divers great sums of Money for unnecessary Pensions and secret services to the value of 25,502^l. within two years, and thus he hath wholly diverted out of the known method and Government of the Exchequer one whole Branch of His Majesties Revenue to private uses without any account to be made thereof in the Exchequer contrary to the expresse Act of Parliament which granted the same and he hath removed two of his Majesties Commissioners of that part of the Revenue for refusing to consent to such his unwarrantable actings and to advance Money upon that part of the Revenue for private uses.

VI. That he hath by indirect means procured from His Majesty, for himself divers considerable Gifts and Grants

Grants of Inheritance of the antient Revenue of the Crown even contrary to Acts of Parliaments.

The first Article being read a second time the Question being put that the Articles of Impeachment against the Lord Treasurer be recommitted.

Tellers. { Mr. *Collingwood*. } for the yeas, 137,
 { Mr. *Cha. Bertie*. }

Tellers. { Collonel *Bireb*. } for the Noes, 179.
 { Sir *Tho. Clergis*. }

And so it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put that the word, *Trayterously* be left out of the first Article.

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon the said Article.

The Question being put that the House do now adjourne.

It passed in the Negative.

The second Article being read a second time.

Resolved,

That the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon the said Article.

The third Article being read a second time.

Resolved,

That the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon this Article.

The fourth Article being read a second time.

The Question being put that the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon this Article.

The House divided,

The Noes go forth.

Tellers { Mr. *Seymour*. } for the Noes, 119.
 { Mr. *Windham*. }

Tellers

Tellers. { Mr. *Ashley*. } for the yeas, 143.
 { Mr. *Wharton*. }

And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The fifth Article being read a second time:

Resolved,

That the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon this Article.

The sixth Article being read a second time.

Resolved.

That the Lord Treasurer be impeached upon this Article.

Ordered,

That the Articles of impeachment against the Lord Treasurer be engrossed, and that a Clause of saving liberty to exhibite any Articles hereafter against him, and that he may be Sequestered from Parliament and committed to safe custody be prepared, and that Sir Henry Capel do carry up the Articles to the Lords on Munday next.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Lunæ 23^o die Decembris, 1678.

MR. Chancellor of the Exchequer acquaints the House that His Majesty having received an Address of this House desiring his Majesty to inform the House whether the information against Mr. *Mountague* was taken upon Oath, and of what nature the offence was that was complained of, his Majesty had commanded him to present several Letters to the House

House for their Information, which Letters were by Mr. *Speaker* read to the House.

A Clause of saving liberty to the House of exhibiting any further Articles against the Lord Treasurer prepared by order of the House was twice read, and with an Amendment made at the Table upon the Question agreed, and is as follows.

For which matters and things the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of the House Commons in Parliament assembled do in the name of themselves and of all the Commons of England impeach the said *Thomas* Earl of *Danby* of High Treason and other high Crimes and offences in the said Articles conteyned; and the said Commons by protestation saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter any other accusation or impeachment against the said Earl and also of replying to the answers, which the said *Thomas* Earl of *Danby* shall make to the premises or any of them, or any impeachment or accusation that shall be by them exhibited (as the cause according to the course and proceedings of Parliament shall require) do pray that the said *Thomas* Earl of *Danby* may be put to answer all and every the premises, that such proceedings Examinations Tryals and Judgements may be upon them and every of them had and used as shall be agreeable to Law and Justice, and that he may be sequestred from Parliament and forthwith committed to safe custody.

Ordered,

That the said Clause be engross with the Articles,

Ordered,

That the Lord *Cavendish* M. *Peregrine Bertie* Mr. *Williams* Mr. *Zacheveril* Mr. *Vaughan* Sir *Chs. Wheeler* Sir *Henry Goodrick* Sir *John Ernly* or any two of them do immediately withdraw and examine the engross

engroft Articles against the Lord Treasurer with the Paper draught.

Mr. *Williams* acquaints the House that the persons appointed had examined the engrossment of the Articles against the Lord Treasurer, and that it did agree with the Paper draught.

Resolved,

That an Address be made to his Majesty humbly to desire His Majesty to have a great regard to the safety and preservation of His Person.

Mr. *Powle* reports from the Committee appointed to draw up reasons to be offered at a Conference to be had with the Lords why this House does not agree to several Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for granting a supply to His Majesty for the effectual paying off and disbanding the Forces that have been raised since 29. September 1677.

That the Committee had agreed to several reasons which he read in his place as followeth.

REASONS.

That the Appointment of the Receiver General by His Majesty being made by their Lordships in reference to the payment of the money into the Exchequer the Commons disagreeing with their Lordships in that Amendment the reason of that appointment ceaseth.

That if there should be any defect or delay in the Nomination of a Receiver General the whole business of disbanding might be disappointed or deferred.

That the Commons having the last Sessions granted a sum of Money for disbanding the Army and intrusted it in the Exchequer the Money had
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been issued for continuance of the Army without ever disbanding any one Man as far as they can understand, and the Commons cannot think it safe to trust the Money into the Exchequer again it remaining in the managery of the same Persons.

That the Commons having disposed of the Money into the Chamber of *London* the better to secure it from being unemployed, your Lordships have not at any time heretofore altered or changed any such disposition made in a supply granted by the Commons.

That the Commons do not see any occasion for the addition of these words in this place, because it is sufficiently provided for in the general Clause in another part of the Bill, and if they were necessary here, they ought likewise to be added in several other places.

That *Collonel Birch* had a Commission under the King to be Collonel, and had the actual command of a Regiment till they were disbanded, and it is usual to give any man that hath had such a command, the Title of Collonel ever after, and your Lordships have done the same before to *Collonel Whitley*.

That the Commons conceiving it necessary for the Peace and Safety of the Kingdome, that the Army should be immediately disbanded, have thought fit to prevent all waies that have been or may be used to continue it, and have therefore enumerated all those particular wayes, by which some former *Acts* have been Evaded, that thereby they might be declared to be within the Penalties of this present Act.

That it being so highly necessary for the Peace
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of the Kingdome, that these Souldiers shall immediately disperse after their disbanding, it is requisite to express the Penalty which they should incur in case of disobedience, and the Commons do not think the Penalty of Felony too great, since if they should continue together in great numbers, it might be the occasion of many Murthers and Felonies.

That the Commons think fit to continue the Preamble of the Clause of Indempnity, because it contains the reasons which induced the Commons to insert it into the Bill.

That this being An Act for more effectual disbanding the Army, the Commons do limit the Indempnity to the Officers and Souldiers being the persons that were to be disbanded, that thereby they might be the more encouraged to disperse, when they were satisfied, they might return home with safety, and the Commons conceive it neither necessary nor convenient to extend it any further.

The Commons having restrained the Indempnity to the Officers and Souldiers, only, they conceive this alteration to be unnecessary.

That the Commons do not think fit to extend the Indempnity to any person Listed and Mustered since the first of *November* last, because they see no occasion, why any such persons should be taken into the Army, unless it were to increase the charge, or for some other ill purpose.

Ordered,

That the Committee of secrecie, or any three of them do repair to the Prison, and take the examination of Mr. *Praunce*, touching the Plot and the murder of Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*.

And

*And then the House adjourned till four
of the Clock in the afternoon.*

Post Meridiem.

Ordered,

That a Conference be desired with the Lords upon the Amendments by them, made to the Bill for granting a supply to His Majesty for the effectual paying off and disbanding the Forces raised since 29. Sept. 1677.

Sir Henry Capel acquaints the House that he had attended the Lords with the Articles of Impeachment against the Lord Treasurer, and delivered the same into the hands of the Lord Chancellor.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Secresie, appointed to examine Mr. Praunce, do impart to the Prisoners in Newgate the Contents of His Majesties Proclamation in relation to the discovery of the Plot against His Majesties person and Government.

*And then the House adjourned till to morrow
morning eight of the Clock.*

Jovis 16^o die Decembris, 1678.

SIR John Trevor reports from the Committee of Secresie appointed to examine Mr. Praunce, that the Committee had taken his Examination, the particulars whereof he reported to the House.

Ordered,

That the Recorder of the City of London do attend

and this House to morrow, to give an Accompt. why he do's not issue out Warrants, for Executing the three persons that were lately condemn'd for high Treason.

Ordered

That the Queens Vice-Chamberlain, and such Members of this House as are Officers of the Green Cloth, do return a List of the Names of all such Papists or reputed Papists, as are resident in His Majesties Palaces at *Whitehal*, *Somerset House*, and *St. James*.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Veneris 17th die Decembris, 1678.

A Petition of *Mr. Io. Barron* was read, setting forth that he had served His Majesty in the late unhappy Wars both at home and abroad, and at His Majesties restauration in recompence of his said service, had a Patent granted for his Life to be Receiver for the County of *Derby*, *Stafford*, *Lancaster*, and several other Northern Counties, of that part of His Majesties Revenue arising out of the Penalties and forfeitures, of the Estates of Popish Recusants, and the Petitioners taking notice of a Bill now under consideration, which he conceives may in a great measure prejudice his Interest as to the said Patent, and therefore Prays that his Petition may be taken into consideration.

- *Mr. Recorder* of the City of *London*, being called in to the Bar of the House, did acquaint the House that on the next day after the Prisoners were condemn'd at the *Old Baily*, he observed the same method

thod his Predecessors had done before him, and attended His Majesty to know His Pleasure in relation to the Execution of them, and that His Majesty was pleased to make this Answer, that he would consider of it, and suspend Execution for some time.

A debate arising in the House whether Mr. Recorder of the City of London hath done his duty in deferring Execution upon the three persons lately condemned at the Old Bailey for High Treason.

The Question being put that the debate be adjourned till Munday morning next.

The House divide,

The yeas go forth.

Tellers. { Mr. Roberts. } for the yeas, 184.
 { Mr. West. }

Tellers. { Sir Jo. Knight. } for the Noes, 112.
 { Mr. Ayliffe. }

And so it was carried in the Affirmative.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Sabbatis 28^o die Decembris, 1678.

Ordered,

That if any Papers be found in the Jesuits Bags of Papers that may be useful to the Committee of secretie for preparing Impeachments against the five Lords, they be transmitted to the said Committee.

Resolved, &c.

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty to desire His Majesty that a speciall Commission of Oyer and Terminer may forthwith be issued for trying the persons now in Prison for the murder of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer acquaints the House, that His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, that it should be immediately done.

A message from the Lords by Sir Miles Cook and Sir John Franklyn.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House in the painted Chamber upon the subject matter of the last Conference concerning the Bill for disbanding the Army.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference.

Resolved,

That the Members who did manage the last Conference, do attend and manage this, which they accordingly did.

Mr. Powle reports that they had attended the Conference, which was managed by the Lord Privy Seal, and that what he did, is as follows:

This Conference, which is desired with the House of Commons is founded principally upon three points.

1. That of the Receiver General.
2. That of the place for Lodging the money.
3. That for Indemnifying the breach of the former Act, and the Penalties of offending against this.

First.

First. That the appointment of the Receiver General being made an Amendment for their Lordships in reference to the payment of the Money granted by this Bill into the Exchequer their Lordships insisted upon their Amendment, because the Money is to be paid into the Exchequer.

Secondly. That we conceive the most expeditious and surest way for Nomination of a Receiver is to leave it to His Majesty, who as he is indisputably of the highest trust, so he is most concerned for himself and People that the Army should be speedily and effectually disbanded.

That we conceive it tends more to certainty and expedition to leave His Majesty to make use of such Officers as are now in being, then to be to seek new Officers when the Act should be Executed.

The reasons of our insisting to have the Money paid into the Exchequer is.

1. Because the Court of Exchequer is an antient Court establisht both by Commonn Law and Statute for all receipts of His Majesties Money and managing matters relateing to his Revenue.

2. That finding it inconvenient and greivous to the subject that His Majesties Revenue of all sort should not come into the Exchequer, divers Lawes have been made to enforce the payment of all Money there.

3. That no way of justice for injured subjects in this Tax is provided by the Act, if it should be paid into the Chamber of *London*, where by law every subject injured concering his payments isto have remedy before the Barons.

4. That It is a jealousy their Lordships cannot entertain of any Persons to be employed in the

work of disbanding, that the Money should be misemployed, it being enacted under so great penalty for Transgressors and to be disposed by Commissioners appointed by the House of Commons.

5. That we find by the Act no sufficient security for the Money that shall be paid into the Chamber of London, nor any remedy left for the subject but an Action of debt against the Chamberlain in case of his breach of trust.

That whereas the Army was continued in pay after the payment made for disbanding, we do not find the fault was in the Exchequer which did regularly give their orders according to the Act; But the necessity of affairs required it, as His Majesty signified to both Houses at the opening of this Session.

The Army was continued which induced the Commons to propose an indemnity to all such as have since continued in Armes; and this is not only a reason for our Amendment, but an answer to the first reason of the House of Commons upon this point.

The first part of the second reason is answered in our former reasons, as for the latter part that the Lords have not altered any such dispositions made in a supply granted by the Commons, wherein the Lords cannot charge their memories, yet their Lordships do herein but clame the exercise of that right they have to make alteration according to their judgement.

That the matter being agreed on by them, It rests on them to satisfy us where that general Clause is, to which they refer the want of the knowledge, whereof is the reason we do not agree with them, That we may consider whether

whether It doth the intended work effectually.

To the reason concerning Collonel Birch the Lords agree.

The Lords insist upon their Amendments against the following reasons offered by the Commons, because they conceive the effectual disbanding the Army is secured as they have amended the Bill, and because to have past the Bill in this particular as the Commons sent it up would have invaded the Kings declared Power and Authority to have raised or employed his Army upon any other emergency, and disabled him from filling up the standing Troops and Companies of his Guard, or furnished his Islands out of any of those men after they are disbanded, which is likewise a main reason why the Lords could not consent to make the penalty of Felony so extensive as to reach any so employed.

And we do insist for leaving out the Preamble to the Clause of indemnity, because of the necessities there was for the Armies continuance, which we have mentioned in a former reason, and for the same reason We insist upon the word (such) depending upon that Amendment of their Lordships and so upon the following Amendment depending upon the Clause.

That concerning the indemnity being limited by the Commons to Officers and Souldiers the Lords thought fit to enlarge it to all other persons; It being a worke of mercy, and no officer impeached or questioned for breach of the former Act, and for the same reason they insist upon the two last Amendments.

The Amendments being read and the Question

on being severally put for agreeing to them.
It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, &c.

That the Members who managed the Conference do withdraw and consider of Reasons to be offered at a free Conference to be had with the Lords upon the subject matter of the last Conference, why this House have disagreed with the Lords in several of their Amendments to the Bill for disbanding the Army.

Resolved,

That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them, that this House intends to sit this afternoon, and to desire their Lordships to do the like, and that Mr. Bennet do go up with the Message.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed to prepare and draw up Articles against the Lords, do inspect the Journals and consider of the precedents touching proceeding upon Impeachments, and report the same with their opinions to the House.

And then the House adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridtem.

Resolved, &c.

That Mr. Wharton do go up to the Lords, and desire a free Conference upon the subject matter of the last Conference.

Mr. Wharton acquaints the House that the Lords have agreed to a present Conference in the Painted Chamber, upon the subject matter of the last Conference.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Members, who managed the last Conference, do attend and manage the free Conference, which they accordingly did.

And then the House adjourned till Monday morning eight of the Clock,

Lunæ 30^o die Decembris, 1678.

A Message from the King by Sir *Edward Carteret*,
Ulster of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker.

The King Commands this Honourable House to attend him immediately in the House of Lords.

And accordingly *Mr. Speaker*, with the House went up to attend His Majesty in the House of Lords, where His Majesty was pleased to Prorogue both Houses of of Parliament to the 4th. day of *February* next.

FINIS.